Helsinki prepares for summit while US envoys drum up money for Gulf action

Bush to press Russia to send ground troops

By MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND ANDREW MCEWEN

PRESIDENT Bush will under UN supervision, a \$28 billion international appress President Gorba-proposition that is unaccept-chev to send ground able to the United States. chev to send ground troops to the Gulf when they meet in Helsinki for a summit expected to show an unprecedented display of unity aimed at convincing President Saddam Hussein that he has no hope of keeping

COST

As the final preparations ere being made for the Helsinki meeting yester-American envoys continued their whistlestop global tour to drum up financial support for the Gulf operation.

Japan, South Korea, Ku-wait and Saudi Arabia all promised support, and the European Community yes-terday pledged a multi-billion dollar aid package, including an immediate \$2 billion for the frontline states hit hardest by the UN sanctions and the flood of refugees from Iraq and Kuwait. Japan also said it would contribute another \$12 million to help more than

likely to show that the difes between Mr Bush and compared with their areas of agreement and will remove any lingering doubts that the eign ministry spokesman Soviet Union is an unwilling supporter of the blockade.

A senior administration of ficial in Washington indicated that Mr Bush would ask Mr Gorbachev to join the international force in the Gulf, and said: "A demonstration of the miltilaterainess of the forcesby adding representation from denied yesterday that Mr Bush one of the major powers would seek to make Soviet would be useful." Mr Bush military participation in the also wants the Soviet Union to withdraw its military advisers from Iraq, to tone down its calls for a United Nations military role and to shelve its idea of an international conference on the Middle East that would discuss Israeli as well as Iragi expansionism.

If Mr Gorbachev agreed to send troops, it would be the first time Soviet and American forces had stood alongside each other since the second world war, but he has said that the Soviet Union would participate in the naval blockade only if the force were put contributions to America's

Eduard Shevardnadze, the forces in the Gulf, but says it Soviet foreign minister, yes-terday said that the Soviet Union was making the utmost efforts to pull its military advisers out of fraq, but he

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tributions individually.

North Sea oil prices and

The Saudi budget also

stands to benefit substantially

from the decision to raise oil

production earlier this week

from 5.4 million to 7.4 million

barrels a day. Gross extra revenue would add more than \$20 billion to Saudi finances

secretary, emphasised at the

end of the two-day emergency

Commons debate on the Gulf

yesterday that Britain would

not feel bound to seek the

authority of the United

Nations for stepping up mili-

that choice totally and wholly

within the machinery of the

United Nations," Mr Hurd

said. "We know that machin-

ery includes vetoes. We can-

not allow our responses to be

blocked by such means. If we

were to leave open that pos-

ition, Saddam Hussein could

go away rejoicing in pos-

session of Kuwait. We must

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prevent that from happen-

It cannot be right to put

tary action.

UK 'will not be

bound to UN'

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign ing." Mr Hurd emphasised secretary, emphasised at the that the defeat of Saddam

increased VAT on petrol.

reinforced his country's deter-mination that the UN should have a dominant role in any military action. The main aim of the summit would be to search for a peaceful end to the conflict, although be said the Soviet Union had no miracle solution. He emphasised the basic unity of purpose between the two superpowers, saying "Had this occurred during the days of the cold war, we would have been on the brink of nuclear war and our nuclear arsenals would have been on high alert."

Mr Shevardnadze, speaking in Tokyo, also promoted again Shevardnadze was not directly linking the Gulf conflict and the Arab Israeli dispute.

The two leaders are also likely to discuss the Soviet Union's need for economic aid, although the White House Gulf the price for such help. They will also address the subject of cutting strategic missiles and conventional forces in Europe.

America meanwhile continued its search elsewhere for financial and military support with a request to Nato allies to provide ships and aircraft to ferry supplies for American forces in the Gulf.

Nicholas Brady, the treasury secretary, yesterday met the Japanese prime minister, Toshiki Kaifu, to seek further



Free again: Sarah Morris-Jones, aged 27, with her two-year-old son, Julian, are welcomed by her sister, Charlotte Mikliszenicz, at Gatwick airport after

Hussein would be brought

about by sanctions, isolation

and the certainty of defeat. He

said that reducing the certain-

ties by turning over all de-

cisions to the UN would

reduce the prospect of a

overwhelming majority of 402

at the end of the debate in

which Tom King, the defence

secretary, disclosed that the

operating cost of British forces

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fudged result.

drove for 15 hours across the desert to aghdad. Mrs Morris-Jones, who hopes to return to her home in Bahrain arriving from Jordan yesterday on the next month, said: "I felt like a hunted last leg of their escape from Kawait." animal. We felt like prisoners and

first we thought there was going to be a stuck in Kuwait for years. But then we

Scargill charged over accounting

By TIM JONES, EMPLOYMENT CORRESPONDENT

By Nicholas Wood AND KERRY GILL A PERSONAL appeal from the prime minister yesterday persuaded Michael Forsyth to

Thatcher

softens

Forsyth

blow

stay in the government while peaceful settlement by giving relinquishing his post as chairthe Iraqi leader new hope of a man of the Scottish Conser-The government had an vative Party. The future of the Scottish Office minister was settled over lunch at No 10 and Margaret Thatcher softened the blow of his dismissal from his party post by promoting Continued on page 24, col 5 him to minister of state level

> portfolio. She also promised him a special role in the formulation of policy for the next Tory manifesto. Mr Forsyth is replaced as party chairman by Lord Sanderson of Bowden, aged 56, a Scot who has held high office north of the border and who was until recently a powerful backroom figure in the English party. He gives up his post as minister of state in

within his department and

widening his responsibilities to include the key education

Scotland to run the party nachine full time. Earlier, Mr Forsyth, aged 35, the focus of feuding between left and right among Scottish Tories, had been inclined to resign from the government if forced to step down as chairman. That pros-Continued on page 24, col 7

Forsyth power saga, page 2 crease of 1,500 a da Leading article, page 13 with August 1989.

SUMMARY criminal charges position of certification officer

the National Union of Mine- within the law, that legal workers, at Sheffield mag- action has been instigated by it istrates' court, alleging failure against a union. to keep proper accounts. Wake said: "The summary

thew Wake, the trade union certification officer, also involve Peter Heathfield, the NUM general-secretary, and the union itself. The two men and the national executive committee face three charges each. They face a maximum £400 fine on each charge.

It is the first time since the

Taylor dies A.J.P. Taylor, one of the century's leading historians, died vesterday aged 84. He suffered from Parkinsonism.

The Times

According to ABC audited figures The Times sold 417,696 copies daily during the month of August. This was an increase of 1,500 a day compared

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A spokeswoman for Mr

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Mr Scargill refused to com-

The charges follow the

ment as he had not heard

officially from the certifica-

publication of the report by

Gavin Lightman, QC, which

disclosed that Mr Scargill and

officials of the union ran 17

secret accounts without the

knowledge of members of the

national executive committee.

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were yesterday laid against was established 14 years ago, Arthur Scargill, president of to ensure that unions act

It now seems certain that unions can expect new legislation covering their conduct. A spokesman for the department of employment said: "The government will not hesitate accounting records, to mainto bring forward fresh legisla- tain a satisfactory system of tion which is necessary to accounting control and to protect and secure union submit true and fair accounts members' rights in relation to to the certification officer in the conduct of their union's the annual report for 1989."

financial affairs." The charges, laid by Mat-

SIR Ewen Fergusson, Britain's

tion officer.

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action on lamb

ambassador in Paris, has protested to Pierre Joxe, the French interior minister, about the failure of police to prevent attacks on lorries carrying British lamb and livestock. M Joxe promised judicial action. Yesterday, a French lorry driver was assaulted near Chatham, Kent.

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Washington vows no compromise with Iraq. UN rejects Indian request to send food and medicine to ISRAEL iraq and Kuwak, where 170,000 of its nationals are JORDAN MORDLE BAHRAIN More than 150 American children, arrive from Beghdad EGTPJ EC foreign trinisters agree to put together a \$2 billion aid package for Egypt, Jordan and Turkey BRITAIN Some 250 British women and children land in London from Amman. Parliament gives strong backing to Mrs Thatcher's Gulf policy SUDAN ETHIOPIA

Small buyers lap up 'vintage of the century'

From Charles Bremner, New York. and PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS .

WALL Street is sagging and the Impressionists have soared out of sight, so where are American investors putting their money this autumn? Into wine. Not the old, established millesimes, however, but 1989 Bordeaux, the "vintage of the century", although it will not be ripe for the table for another decade at least.

From coast to coast thousands of buyers who have never dabbled in wine before are ordering the better known châteaux, all of it still sitting in casks around Bordeaux, and sending prices through the roof. In New York, "futures" contract on '89 Château Petrus costs \$250 (£131) a bottle. For some experts, the quality of the

1989 vintage justifies the enthusiasm,

pointed out, that means that 13 demurred. "It's quite extraordinary." said Harvey Savatsky, a manager at Zachy's Wine and Liquor. He took a page advertisement in The New York Times yesterday to proclaim: "There is a frenzy in the bidding ... are the Bordeaux prices going up? Yes!" Mr Savatsky confirms widespread reports

Robert Dickinson, a Miami con-

noisseur. Nine of 22 Bordeaux grow-

ers rated the 89s as "Vintage of the

Century" for a leading French wine

magazine - although, as one supplier

noisseurs but ingenues trying their hand in wine for the first time. The rush to Bordeaux '89 was assured last autumn, when the Amerisight unseen. "It's like looking at a can network media reported on the

that many customers are not con-

pretty baby and saying 'this kid's excellent Bordelais summer. "That cent in the case of Margaux, if trade going to be Raquel Welch'," says had never happened before," says gossip is accurate. John Laird, of Seagram's. "I mean. who in Dubuque or Peoria cares if the French have got a good vintage?"

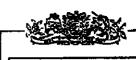
Then came the galactic predictions of French and US wine journals. The most influential was Robert Parker Jr. the man whose early forecasts set off the buying spree for the 1982 Bordeaux. In the spring he rated it 90 or higher out of 100.

In France, the word in the business was that rather more of the wine than is usual was being held back. The price began to rise, gladdening the heart of owners of the great chateaux, who these days include the Japanese as well as the British. Although the value of production has virtually doubled over the past decade, many if not most chateaux operate on suprisingly narrow profit margins: barely 3 per

Mr Laird says that prices have reached the point where "wine is no longer wine, but a collectible" and as such, the price is not likely to fall as it did, for example, in the crash of the mid 1970s. The real problem, he says. is that lower-level labels will also soar beyond the consumer's reach.

Financial experts urge caution, pointing out that a wine future cannot be compared with coffee or porkbellies.

• New York's panic purchases are unlikely to be repeated in Britain MacQuitty, wine correspondent, writes). Claret drinkers will have already bought their bottles of 89 Bordeaux when they were at their cheapest, in the spring of this year. The first '89 clarets will not appear on supermarket shelves until next year.



Saturday Review

Is this man serious?



Appleyard about past excesses and future successes in the field of serious popular music

The Christie inheritance

With Agatha Christie's centenary approaching, her daughter recalls life with mother and The Times offers a special set of Christie novels

New art of the grand tour

Political change has opened eastern European art to Western eyes

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Jack Russell, worse week's accusation has the breeders snarling

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Where to shop for goods with a certain je ne sais quoi

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The next World Cup winner?



Alan Rothenberg talks about the task of making the 1994 World Cup work in the United States. Plus Simon Barnes on claptrap in Athens

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Smart cards, big business The smart card is

proliferating to such an extent that many children can now use them to pay for their school meals

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The ending of composite rate tax next April will affect 14 million people. Who gains, who loses?

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How the Forsyth saga started civil war among the Scottish Tories



Forsyth: fending after exit of the old guard

THE trail of gunpowder that led to the seat appointment several of the Tory headof Michael Forsyth was laid last May. ironically at a time when he was being touted as a future Scottish secretary. The men who lit it came from the Scottish Tory Reform Group who had had enough of Mr Forsyth's covert campaign to unseat Malcolm Rifkind.

Mr Forsyth was appointed chairman of the Scottish party in the summer of last year. His task was to streamline its organisation at headquarters and encourage constituency associations to increase grassroots support of Tory policies. In spite of his appointment, popular support for the Tories north of the border has remained in the low 20s at best.

However, it was style of leadership and desire to stick rigidly to what the Scots regarded as undiluted Thatcherism that provoked the anger of the mainstream in the party. Within weeks of Mr Forsyth's

quarters' old guard were given their marchine orders.

Mr Forsyth's supporters, on the party's right wing, openly backed him as a future Scottish secretary leaving him all the more vulnerable to accusations that his main aim was to destabilise the position of Mr Rifkind, the Scottish secretary, in his zest for advancement.

The simmering feud within the party came to a head in May. At the start of the Scottish Tory conference in Aberdeen, William Walker, MP for Tayside North and vice-chairman of the Scottish Conservatives, suggested that Mr Rifkind should be given another post to make way for Mr Forsyth.

One senior Tory said: "If that had not been a set-up, Walker would have been sacked." The incident backfired as almost everyone guessed that Mr Walker was

The prime minister last night prevailed on Michael Forsyth to stay in the government while quitting his post as chairman of the Scottish Tories. Kerry Gill finds the facts behind the feuding

acting as Mr. Forsyth's stooge. Mr Rifking's supporters, particularly the influential Scottish Tory Reform Group, went on the attack accusing Mr Forsyth of damaging the party's chances at the nextgeneral election. They also accused him of failing to support Mr Rifkind on a number of occasions, particularly over the possible axing of the Ravenscraig steel complex.

The fire under Mr Forsyth was further stoked when Douglas Young, the most highly paid official in the Scottish party, resigned last month. It was an open secret that he decided to give up his job after only eight months because of the in-fighting and slanging matches. Calls for Mr Forsyth to be replaced

followed, and were only heightened by his unexpected decision to leap to the defence of Nicholas Ridley, then trade and industry secretary, after Mr Ridley's comments on the Germans and the French in July. Comparisons were made with his silence when it came to supporting Mr Rifkind. His opponents even decided to publish their own magazine, True Blue, seen as an antidote to the Scottish Conservative and considered nothing more than a "Thatcher fanzine".

This week, George Younger, the former defence secretary and now chairman of the Royal Bank of Scotland, admitted that he had been asked by senior Tories if he was interested in taking over as Scottish chairman. He refused, but it was clear that

Mr Forsyth's days were numbered. That was followed by a meeting at which office bearers of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Association expressed their concern over events directly to Mr Forsyth.

Mr Forsyth, who has admitted he went to university with socialist sympathies, but quickly became converted to conservatism, began his active political career in 1976 when he was appointed chairman of the Federation of Conservative Sustenis. While living in London the former student at St Andrew's university was elected to Westminster city connoil. By 1983 he had returned to Scotland, having won the

Stirling parliamentary seat. He held on to Stirling in the 1987 general election with a majority of only 948. While he has been a long-time favourite of Margaret Thatcher, the sheet weight of party opinion in Scotland finally persuaded her that he had to so.

Irish talks agreement is 'close and attainable'

From A Correspondent in Belfast

PETER Brooke, the Northern strengthen the relationship be-Ireland secretary, yesterday said that agreement was "close and attainable" on opening full-scale negotiations between unionists and

He laced his optimism with some caution that the momentum must not be lost and signalled that the opportunity to advance matters would not remain open indefinitely.

Mr Brooke said: "We are encouragingly close to agreement on a basis for talks which could secure a greater local political input to the business of governing Northern Ireland, establish a new relationship of trust between unionism and nationalism, and

Protestant terrorists admit killing

THE illegal Ulster Freedom Fighters yesterday claimed responsibility for murdering a man age 34 at his south Belfast home. He was shot five times in the head, chest and arms.

Gunmen broke down the door of Emmanuel Shields' home in Deramore Street, in the early hours while he was in a oedroom with his giri inedd When they opened fire he died almost immediately. The girl friend, her brother and two young sons who were also in the house were not injured.

Yesterday the UFF, a Protestant paramilitary group linked to the Ulster Defence Association, claimed responsibility for the killing and alleged that Mr Shields was involved in IRA intelligence operations.

Police said they were not aware of Mr Shields having any links to the IRA. Representatives of local

political parties and churchmen condemned the shooting. • The British government's broadcasting ban on organ-isations with alleged terrorist links was upheld by a judge in the High Court in Belfast yesterday.

Mr Justice Carswell dismissed an application for judicial review of the ban, which was introduced in October, 1988.

The case was brought by Mitchel McLaughlin, a Sinn Fein councillor in Derry, whose lawyers argued that the ban breached the Northern Ireland Constitution Act.

• The skipper of the alleged gunrunning vessel Eksund was refused bail by a High Court judge in Dublin yesterday.

Adrian Hopkins, aged 51, from Delgany, Co Wicklow, admitted that he had jumped bail while on conditional release in France last July.

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tween the British and Irish

The Northern Ireland se retary has returned from his summer holiday to display fresh commitment and op-timism about his talks about the talks process, in spite of signs that his autumn initiative was starting to come

He is trying to put together a proposal for negotiations be-tween the Northern Ireland constitutional parties on future internal structures. Other key elements include addressing relationships between North and South, and between Britain and Ireland.

A meeting of the Anglo Irish inter-governmental conference later this month will address remaining diffi-culties over at what stage Dublin politicians should be-come involved in the talks. In July Mr Brooke had to abort a detailed statement to the Commons on the precise decision of his initiative, because of unresolved difficulties over the timetable of the talks on the three sets of relationships and whether these should run parallel with each other. Yesterday Mr Brooke said

that "with commitment and costinuing goodwill, the remaining differences between the constitutional politicians can be bridged and the way opened for further political alogue™. Such an outcome would mark a step forward for each constitutional party and for the British and Irish governments.

Mr Brooke, at the Current Affairs Society at St Louis Grammar School, Ballymena, Co Antrim, spoke about addressing the concerns of the minority community at the highest level of decision making; and also the concerns of the majority community about articles two and three of the Irish Republic's Constitution which claims jurisdiction over Northern Ireland.

He said he believed that given political commitment on all sides it remained possible "to take a major step towards accommodating political differences - to make diversity a source of strength rather than a seedbed of

The best long-term prospect for achieving political stability within Northern Ireland, he said, would be to establish a local administration which both parts of the community could support and sustain.

The bilateral talks so far have concentrated on finding basis for launching more formal discussions. He said they must now have in sight the substantive issues.

Mr Brooke promised to bring the process forward with further bilateral discussions and suggested that this could be speeded up if there were



Nation may lose valuable Constable

By Sarah Jane Checkland ART MARKET CORRESPONDENT

A PAINTING by John Constable worth £15 million may have been lost to the nation because of an alleged softlysoftly approach to fund-rais-ing by the National Museum

The painting, The Lock, was inherited along with the estate of Sudeley Castle, Gloucestershire, by Elizabeth Dent-Brocklehurst, the current Lady Ashcombe. It has now been put up for sale, not only to settle outstanding death duties from the estate but also to satisfy complex provisions

A spokesman for the Sudely trustees said: "No-one wanted to sell the painting. The per cent before falling. He trustees of the castle felt that refused to say whether inflarather than having to sell a lot of paintings from the collec-

tion, they would sell just one." The Sudeley trustees offered the painting to the National Museum of Wales for £10 million, but as it has failed so far to raise the funds, it is now scheduled for sale at Sotheby's

Heritage lobbyists believe that had the museum made its interest in the painting public, the funds may have been raised. Jane Stancliffe, grants officer at the National Art-Collections Fund, one of the public fund raising bodies concerned for the future of the painting, said, however, that Timothy Stevens, the museum's curator of art, had been working most energetically behind the scenes to raise the

Lord and Lady Ashcombe are currently in America and Mr Stevens, was also unavailable for comment.

Constable expert Graham Reynolds has described The Lock as "one of the finest examples of Constable's canal painting". The painter himself said in a letter. "My friends tell me it is my best."

The painting is the fifth in Constable's series of six scenes on the river Stour. Flatford Lock is seen from a low viewpoint, full of water, with a barge in the basin while the lock-keeper opens the gates.

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Major counters 'frenetic speculation' on ERM

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

would join the European exchange rate mechanism this

He ruled out an announcement being made at an informal meeting of European Community finance ministers in Rome today. He did nothing, however, to suggest there was any waning in the government's enthusiasm for entry. In an interview on BBC

Radio 4's Today programme, the Chancellor of the Exchequer said the fact that Britain would join was no longer in dispute. "As soon as I think there is a window and we have credibly met the conditions we have set out, into the mechanism we will go."

Mr Major said that inflation was expected to rise beyond 10 refused to say whether inflation at 10 per cent was too high a rate at which to enter the mechanism or whether inflation necessarily had to be

JOHN Major yesterday coun-tered speculation that sterling frenetic speculation had not to cut inflation was having the been helpful.

He said inflation could be affected next month by increased oil prices and the long problems with the drought which could affect fresh food

He underlined it was the "proximate" rate of inflation compared with other EC states which would have to be considered and many of the factors which affected the British retail price index would also affect the rate of inflation in other countries. He repeated that the other main conditions for entry had been more or less met, it depended on inflation.

Mr Major said the oil companies had moved promptly in raising petrol prices. "Let us hope they move equally promptly in the other direction if the oil price were to stabilise or fall."

The Chancellor said there were some unambiguous sigfalling before Britain could nals that his interest rate

desired effect, although there was still some way to go before the cost of borrowing could be

"I'm not going to cut in-terest rates until I'm sure it is safe to do so," Mr Major said: "The purpose of policy is to bring inflation down and that does mean we need to keep a firm policy to ensure that we do so. We will have to make a judgment as to when it is the right time to relax monetary policy - but not yet, I think." In spite of signs of company failures, profit cuts and rising

unemployment, he did not believe Britain was heading for a recession because of high interest rates. Mr Major said he expected a sympathetic hearing in Rome for his plans for European

economic and monetary union, his alternative to the EC proposals for an early move to a single currency.

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Shell and Esso follow BP as £3 gallon is predicted

creased by 22.7p a gallon.

today.

lowed BP in the latest round of all cost of its leaded four-star petrol price rises by announcing increases of 8.6p and 5p in the price of a gallon of fourthe price of a gallon of four-star petrol, as drivers were 194.6p a gallon. Esso four-star warned that they could shortly will cost 230.9p a gallon from see the £3 gallon.

Any fighting in the Gulf

would lead to a big surge of the open-market cost of petrol, which would be quickly passed on to motorists, city analysts said yesterday. The price of a gallon of four-star unleaded has risen to an average of 230.9p, and the petrol companies are predicting further increases.

One city analyst said: "Fighting could lead to oil fields being damaged, and that would have an enormous impact on the oil markets. People would still fill up their cars if petrol reached £3, but

SHELL and Esso have fol- Monday means that the over- increases in open market prices continued it would will be 230.9p a gallon, exactly inevitably lead to further rises at the pump.

BP also used the openthe same as BP. Shell diesel

market price as justification for yesterday's increase, although it estimated that the Esso said that its new price figure was presently running was based on an open market at about \$415 a tonne. The cost for petrol of about \$400 a Shell increase was the first of tonne, whereas the market had what are expected to be a been trading at up to \$420 a number of similar increases by tonne for the past few days. Shell added that since the other petrol companies. Since the Gulf crisis, pump beginning of August the open market price had risen by the

prices of four-star have risen by more than 20p. John. equivalent of 27.8p a gallon Wakeham, energy secretary, while Shell's four-star, excludhas been asked to make the oil ing duty and VAT, had incompanies reduce the price of petrol to the pre-crisis level. A Shell spokesman said that the company would "continue Doug Hoyle, Labour MP for Warrington North, has also to attempt to restrain whole-

tabled a Commons question sale prices, as far as is compatto Mr Wakeham pressing him ible with the necessity to to force the companies to seek you might find some of them regain profitability to ensure approval from the viability of its petrol before making any more price union since 1979 when he shire home so much." The Shell rise, wholesaling buiness". He said it was profiteer which takes effect from that if the recent trend of ing at a time of national crisis. regain profitability to ensure

Threat to oil rigs as catering staff back strike call

sector of the North Sea moved nearer yesterday when cater-ing workers on the rigs and floating drilling platforms voted overwhelmingly for

quarters of Britain's oil rigs and have a significant effect on the country's balance of payments. The dispute is sepa-rate from the recent wildcat action taken by offshore con-tract workers in the North Sea. Announcing the ballot result, which showed a majority of six to one in favour of strike action by the 2,000 catering workers, Fred Higgs, national officer for the transport workers' union said: "Without ers, mnon said: catering the rigs cannot op-erate. It's as simple as that" Armed with the ballot re-sult, shop stewards from the Transport and General Workers' Union and the National Union of Seamen will meet next week to discuss future moves, which could range

from a total and indefinite strike to a series of 24-hour stoppeges.
Mr Higgs said the action was being taken because the pay of catering workers on the semi-submersible rigs was on average 12 per cent less than their colleagues on the permanent platforms who earned between £14-18,000 a year. "A the oil rigs would obviously be a crippling blow to the in-dustry. It would bring opera-tions in the North Sea to a

standstill within hours." During previous strikes by catering workers essential services have been maintained with the help of supervisory of the Catering Offshore Trades' Association, said: "We will always feed the people offshore. There is no question of that." He said he

TUC urges counselling on stress

By OUR EMPLOYMENT CORRESPONDENT

DELEGATES to the TUC conference in Blackpool yesterday instructed the general council to ask the Health and Safety Executive to establish and publicise a stress comselling and advice service.

They heard that the ever ncreasing tempo of work, new technology, demands for shiftworking and peer pressure are major causes of work-related illnesses which could be costing £1.3 billion a year. More and more women are becoming ill because of the

pressure of trying to balance a job and family life. Ray Humphreys, of the Society of Telecom Executives, said a company culture was a significant factor.

"All too often, spending an excessive amount of time at work is seen as the only means of getting on. This is particularly significant in white collar jobs where it is expected that people should work longer for their basic hours as anything else is

disloyal."
Stress, he said, created big problems both for the individual and the organisation. "The individual's health, family and social life are threatened. But the effects on the work environment are often ig-noted by employers; absentecism, poor work and potentially dangerous health and safety practises. When people are tired they make mistakes and mistakes cost money." Helen McGrath of the ho-

siery and knitwear workers union, said women workers were suffering ever increasing stress at work. She said that as well as medical problems associated with stress, too much pressure at work could lead to difficulties in relationships, drug taking and loneliness. · Alec Smith, leader of the tailors and garment workers' nnion, was yesterday elected TUC general council chair-man. Mr Smith, aged 60, has

A TOTAL stoppage of oil was optimistic that the dispute

could be resolved. "If the unions want to resolve this matter they will come back to the table they left two months ago. We have had very good relations with strike action. the unions for the past ten
The move could close three years and I am sure they will talk to us about these difficulties."

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Next week, union officials will meet to compile a register of all North Sea workers who have been involved in recent be balloted for an all-out indefinite strike in support of recognition and a say in health and safety matters.

The offshore industry liaison committee, the unofficial group fighting for an industry wide employment agreement including union recognition for contractors men, is considering its next moves. After a meeting of the committee in Glasgow yesterday, Renald McDonald the group's chairman, said further unofficial action was planned but gave no date.

Legal action on Lambeth poll tax

THE government is to take legal action to force the south London borough of Lambert, to reduce its community charge after the deadline given by the environment department passed last night (Ray.

Clancy writes).

The council, which revised its £548 community-charge to £521,63 after being capped, is refusing to reduce the charge to the £493 demanded by Chris Patten, the environment secretary. In a letter to Mr. Patten two days ago the council's chief executive said that the present charge was

The legal action comes half way through the financial year and at a time when it has been disclosed that in many areas more than half of those eli-gible have not yet paid any

poll tax. Widespread anxiety, page 6.

Protesters jailed Two peace campaignes who caused nearly £250,000 damage to an F1-11 nuclear bomber at a US air base in Upper Heyford, Oxfordshire, were each jailed for 15 months yesterday. Stephen Hancock, aged 24, and Michael Hutchingson aced 35 claimed they inson, aged 35, claimed they were acting to aid the survival of the human race. The two

men were caught as they attacked the aucrast with

heavy mallets. Duke banned

The Duke of Westminster was banned from driving for three months and fined £200 yes-terday after pleading guilty to speeding at up to 114mph. Dunstable magistrates court was told that he was stopped by a police patrol car in June on the M1 near Toddington, Bedfordshire. In February, the duke was disqualified for 14 days and fined £120 by magistrates in Stroud, Gloucestershire, for speeding at 106 mph.

Air insurance

Scheduled zirline passengers may soon get the same protection as package tourists under plans being discussed by the travel industry for compensation if an airline collapses. Scheduled airlines. which are carrying more package tourists, are not at present bound to provide automatic insurance or to guarantee the return journeys of their passengers should they suddenly

go out of ousiness. Prince leaves

The Prince of Wales leaves hospital today, seven days after the three-hour operation to repair his broken right arm. broken in a polo accident. The prince, who was originally. expected to remain at the Queen's medical centre, Nottingham, for up to 10 days, will be flown by helicopter to been general secretary of his Highgrove, his Gloucester-union since 1979 when he shire home. The Princess of joined the TUC general Wales is expected to travel

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Parents fight for children's return after satanic tales

returned from local authority care, claiming that the social

care five months ago after the boy, aged seven, had talked of friends killing babies in satanic rituals and burying their bodies in a cemetery. Five were returned to their families but remain wards of court. A High Court injunction preventing the parents from seeking publicity or journalists from enquiring about the case was varied yesterday.

The mother at the centre of the controversy, whose four children were taken into care, said: "This is all down to comics and videos and the wild fantasies of a little lad whose imagination runs away with him." She said that after her son had been questioned by social services officers she had been accused of being involved in satanic rituals. The man she lives with was

"The others taken into care were the children of friends and the only connection has been my boy and his fanta-sies," she said. The man was told the boy had been talking about stabbing babies and that all the family had been doing

The man said: "I could not

PARENTS of 12 children in take him out. He had a drink Rochdale, Lancashire, are like tea which fizzed up. When fighting to have their children he drank it, the man who gave it to him grew to over 9ft tall. Then he flew out of the services department had over- window and went to the reacted to the "satanic fanta- cemetery. I thought this was sies" of a boy.

Seventeen children from trive families were taken into searched and investigated and

found nothing." The man was released and told no further action would be taken, Greater Manchester police said last night that between March and June a joint police and social services investigation was made in Rochdale into allegations of ritualistic child abuse. As a result 17 children were taken into council care, 12 of whom remained in care and were wards of court. No criminal proceedings had been taken.

Supporting the parents' campaign to have their children returned is Judy Parry, of Manchester Childwatch. She said the case was a scandal and a travesty of parents' basic rights to protect their children. The social services deliberately set out to make sure these parents had no way of fighting for their kids. They were gagged at every turn."
Police investigations had found no evidence to support

Gordon Littlemore, director of social services in Rochdale, said:"The children's welfare is being regularly re-viewed by social services staff believe what I was hearing. He and the High Court. While the had told them this ghost children remain wards of would open his window and court, I cannot comment."



Pruning: a quarter of the root system and a number of overhanging branches are to be removed, possibly extending its life by 50 years Bubbling over: champagne is uncorked as a victory tune is played



Celebrated chestnut tree wins a new lease of life

TREE-LOVERS uncorked champagne and a piper played a victory tune as a 150-year-old horse chestnut won another lease of life yesterday. In a compromise move, tree surgeons pruned branches and parts of

the roots rather than cut it down. The 72ft tree, in St Paul's Shrubbery, Islington, north London, has become a cause célèbre for local nature enthusiasts, who have slept in hamnocks in its branches to save it.

Peter Elliott, a chartered accountant who lives nearby, complained that the tree was damaging his wall and obtained a court order to have the "nuisance" removed. Islington council vesterday said, however, that the pruning should fulfil this requirement. Peter Bonsall, head of the council's parks department, said: "We are advised by our legal people that the work carried out today will satisfy the court order."

Around the tree's trunk, where postcards of support from around the world have been pinned, campaigners and local residents drank champagne.

rang bells and collected fallen conkers. Robin Maynard, a campaigner for Friends of the Earth, said: "It is something of a victory. We believe the wall, the tree, Mr Elliott, and local

residents can all co-exist." Don Baldry, a local resident, said: "People round here are delighted. We've all put a lot of work into it and a lot of time. The tree is part of the history of the area."

Keith Rushforth, a tree consultant supervising the work, said that about a quarter of the root system and a number of overhanging branches would be removed. "The tree should not suffer too much shock and could well live for another 50 years." John Gough, Mr Elliott's solicitor, said: "If they have moved the branches and roots which overhang and intrude on his property, they will have complied with the order and that will be fine."

David Chipko, an ecologist with the Hackney Tree Group, who had just descended from a night spent the night in the tree, said: "It's a compromise: both sides have won.'

THE SUNDAY TIMES The Beauty Myth

At a certain point inside the cult of beauty'. dieting becomes a disease. It is a deadly one . . . " In her controversial new book The Beauty Myth, Naomi Wolf says women have more career freedom but have become slaves to an unreasonable ideal of female attractiveness ~ read the first extract in The Sunday Times

> Battle of Britain souvenir

The Sunday Times presents a 12-page colour supplement celebrating the glorious victory 50 years ago of The Few, including a specially commissioned painting by Michael Turner with an offer to buy a signed limited edition print

Seeing double

In the Magazine Lawrence Gowing praises Monet's series paintings, on show at the Royal Academy, in which the artist magically manipulated the subtleties of a single

Confessions of a traitor

George Blake, in an exclusive interview with Phillip Knightley in Times, reveals how his treachery as a spy kept the KGB one step ahead of Western intelligence

Ambassador lodges strong protest over meat attacks

By PHIL JACOBSON IN PARIS AND MICHAEL HORNSBY

A STRONG protest about the lorries carrying meat from Britain was lodged yesterday by the British ambassador in the French interior minister, Pierre Joxe, of the "deep concern" felt in London over incidents such as last Thursday's slaughter of aimost 400 sheep seized near Limoges while a squad of riot police violence continued. looked on.

the Labour agriculture spokes-man, called for an emergency meeting of EC farm ministers to avert what he feared could be an escalation in violence on an attack yesterday on a French lorry driver on the M2 near Chatham in Kent.

Dr Clark said: "I believe the French farmers are likely to take revenge and I fear that a British lorry driver may end up harmed or even killed. We unless measures are taken

A hundred MPs tabled an in France it is an illustration of "utterly condemning" the attacks on British lorries, of which there have been at least gangs of French farmers who claim that cheap imports from Britain and elsewhere are putting them out of business. Several MPs called for boy-cotts of French produce if the

Sir James Spicer, Tory MP cidents that had occurred.
for Dorset West, said he After the latest killing would not want to see an official boycott, but there was "nothing to stop the individual British housewife turning her back on all French proboth sides of the Channel after duce until clear evidence is produced that the French government intends to stop this behaviour and crack down severely on the per-

Sir Ewen said M Joxe assured him that everything possible would be done to should warn the French that calm an increasingly alarming situation. Sir Ewen said he against the people responsible had expressed regret about the for destroying British lamb, attack on the French lorry the case will be referred to the driver but pointed out that "if it proves to be linked to events

French lorry driver attacked in Kent

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

terday at the bedside of a relationship with the French. French lorry driver discovered near the M2 in the early hours after being forced from the cab of his vehicle and beaten by a gang of attackers.

said that investigators were not discounting the possibility that the attack might have been inspired by French atpictures on the TV news and many people have been sickened by what they have seen. out of mis damaged his lorry. They smashed the headlights, windscreen and tachograph. But we just don't know if that has sparked off this attack. The load wasn't touched which rules out a hijack." Julie Mate, area spokesman

such an attack. If this was a France, The lorry was carrying consular office in Manchester case of revenge it will do a cargo of pharmaceuticals.

KENT detectives were yes- nothing but harm to our It is already strained. We

totally condemn this action." The attack on Eric Gunther aged 28, from Montigny-en-Gohelle in northern France, Chief Inspector John took place early yesterday Stockham of Chatham police morning near Chatham. Mr Gunther was forced on to the hard shoulder of the road by a Ford Fiesta carrying three men. The men, armed with a tacks on British lamb cargoes. baseball bat, pulled the driver France and Irish imports He said: "We have all seen the out of his cab to beat him up would be an easier target.

Mr Gunther was found by a passing motorist and taken to Medway hospital. His condition is not said to be serious. He works for a company for the National Farmers called Giraud Sonnauy, based in Roussilion in southeast

attacks by French farmers on all-party Commons motion the danger that rising tension breeds". Sir Ewen made clear to M Joxe the growing frustration in London over the lack Paris. Sir Ewen Fergusson told a dozen since since June by of effective police action against French farmers. whether in preventing attackson lorries or bringing those responsible to court.

He said he had been assured by M Joxe that investigations were being pursued into in-

British lambs, French televison showed the farmers responsible joking as they threw the carcasses into the front garden of the local souspréfecture. As one brandished the severed head, riot police could be seen taking a cigar-

Brigitte Bardot has called for farmers involved in such incidents to be tried and punished. In a letter to President Mitterrand, the film actress turned animal rights activist, said it was shameful that such behaviour should be tolerated. "Have cowardice and cruelty become the two breasts from which France feeds ?" she asked.

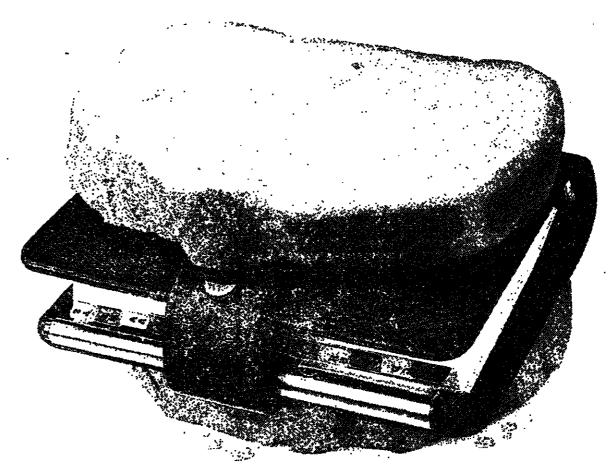
In Cardiff, Geraint Davies, chairman of the Welsh branch of the National Farmers' Union, delivered a petition to the office of the European Commission, urging intervention by Brussels.

Welsh farmers said they were worried that young militants might retaliate against imports of Irish beef, which they fear could flood into Britain now that Irish producers have lost markets in Kuwait and Iraq because of the Gulf conflict.

Cyril Lewis, who has a sheep farm at Penmachno, Gwynedd, said: "We do not import much meat from Some young farmers believe that if Irish imports are blockaded, Dublin would step up pressure on the French to take tougher action against their farmers.

Farmers in northwest England handed in letters of protest to the French Trade Commission and the French

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£1m waitress to stay at work

A WAITRESS earning £2.75 an hour who has inherited £1 million from her father said vesterday that she would continue to work at

her local Little Chef. Jacqueline Swain, aged 27, did not know that her father, William Browne, a former farm labourer who came over from Ireland in the 40s, was wealthy. Throughout his career as a factory hand, painter and decorator, however, he had bought land and properties. Some he improved and sold, and others he

Mrs Swain, who married two months ago and lives in a council house in Kenilworth, and lives in a council house in Kenilworth, Warwickshire, said: "It was quite a shock when I found out how much my father had left. I knew he owned land and property, but

Mrs Swain now plans to move, but has no

By LIN JENKINS intention of giving up her job. "I have been at the case for a year and would be sad to leave." she said. "I enjoy the atmosphere and dealing

She said she greatly missed her father, who died in January aged 65. "We were very close. My father never married my mother and never lived with us, but lived in a village about 10 miles and away and kept in close contact."

She added."Although he did not stay with

us, all my memories of him are happy and warm. He was a larger-than-life character, always full of fun and making me laugh." Mrs Swain said that her father would only buy things if he really needed them, although he was not mean. "I never dreamed he was worth so much money, but he made it from

nothing and took care of it. Now I feel that I

must do the same and be careful," she said.

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE first official survey of actually damaging to the edu-recorded fewer than half the teacher shortages at the start cation service and an insult to number of vacancies reported of the new school year shows a those authorities that have by the same authorities at the dramatic decline in the num- done so well." ber of vacancies still to be filled by local education

authorities at a press con-ference yesterday, said that the unattached or supply teachers. number of classes without a teacher was infinitesimal. The authorities had filled 19,000 posts over the summer and

The figures include returns from all the inner London are, are permanent and prop-boroughs, which were the erly qualified." worst affected by shortages when the department conducted its last full survey in January. The number of va-

survey disproved Labour forebelieve it was complete can testify." scaremongering, which was

London, and Manchester were duced once the remaining known to have turned child- authorities have responded. John MacGregor, the edu- ren away from schools

> Jack Straw, Labour's educlass but whether those who and modern languages.

ment's survey had produced an artificially low figure by failing to distinguish between teachers and those on tem- tember porary appointments, even for In London, school authora term. "There is a world of ities have had to put new Mr MacGregor said his porary appointments, even for "The Labour party filled on a term-by-term basis. survey just got it wrong. It was as thousands of children who as many authorities, and I succession of temporary staff

The department's survey

Only Hackney, in east national picture will be pro-

because of teacher shortages, improvement had been cation secretary, presenting because of teacher shortages, improvement had been figures for 82 of the 112 Others had covered all va-achieved by government policancies through the use of cies and the efforts of local authorities. But he stressed that there would be continuing cation spokesman, said he difficulties in recruiting teachstood by his estimate. "The ers throughout the 1990s, argument is not about whether particularly in subjects such as there is any adult in front of a maths, physics, technology

> The 1,400 vacancies identified in the survey were split Mr Straw said the departalmost equally between primary and secondary schools. vacancies in the same areas in posts filled by permanent January and 2,590 last Sep-

casts that 130,000 pupils difference between filling a recruits into classrooms bewould start the year without a post with a permanent teacher fore receiving results of police properly qualified permanent and having it temporarily screening. Scotland Yard is taking up to six weeks to carry out vetting because of the done in August, did not cover have had to put up with a increase in requests for boroughs' recruitment drives and staff shortages.



Reading theory conflict comes out into open

The way in which primary pupils learn to read is the subject of heated exchanges, John O'Leary reports, with the departure from traditional methods being blamed for an apparent fall in standards among children aged seven

tional world as the teaching of reading. The report that prompted John MacGregor, launch an enquiry into read-ing standards in primary schools has caused heated ness over the past two nonths and is now making

At the centre of the dissmith, the American coucaionist who claimed that reading could not be taught. Supporters of the theory believe that traditional eaching methods give childdeveloping a proper under-standing of the meaning of words. They say that childto literature and the adoption of role models, such as teachers and parents, who show them the value of

The real books method won over a significant numthe 1980s, when learning through phonics (the breaking down of words into their component parts) came under pressure from other methods, notably look-say, which teaches children to recognise whole words. That departure from traditional methods is now among children aged seven. Martin Turner, the author of the report, and a growing number of other educa-tionists are convinced that the "real books" method bolds back reading development. Mr Turner claims

His comparisons of reading assessments in nine local education authorities show a 50 per cent increase over five years in the number of children with severe reading difficulties at the age of seven or eight. The decline coincided with the rise in books" method and did not

FEW subjects cause such standards as a whole were bitter divisions in the educa-not falling comparably. There is little evidence

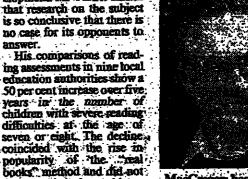
however, to suggest that the ment in schools. Mr Turner's the nine local authorities tion of "real books" Most mixture of methods.

place last year in seven primary schools and found that most employed a sys increasingly common, but even these were organised systematically and were usu-ally accompanied by teaching by phonics in school

Government advises in the National Chrisculum Council have said that children should have access to a variety of reading strategies. The national correction requires that children learn to read for meaning and to

the National Foundation for proach in the structured way mentioned by the psychologists, they are in clear breach of their statutory duty, as indeed are teachers who rely solely on word recognition

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NUT may press for £100 a week rise

By OUR HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT teaching union are being week for senior classroom teachers. Plans have been strikes, if the government

refuses to meet the claim. ference in November to con-

estructuring of salary scales receive similar rises. A memorandum in support of the claim said that the rises would rectify a 40 per cent decline in real levels of paysince the Houghton enquiry of 1974. It said that teaching will

MEMBERS of the largest occupation unless government policies change, and if asked to support a claim for links teacher shortages with

The claim would raise starting salaries from £9000 to made for industrial action, not £11,951 and would give classroom teachers with 11 years experience £21,300 compart The National Union of with their present £16,000 in Teachers will hold a con- the following year, the starting salary would be £12,500 and sider the claim for rises of 10 the top of the main scale per cent plus £1,500 for its £23,000. Head teachers and 190,000 members. The until their deputies, who are paid ion's executive also wants a on different reales, would

The memorandum recommends a wide range of sanctions, where possible applied in association with other

The maintenance of public and parental support is, howremain a low status, low-paid ever; a key consideration.

continue to operate trains, the final day of the Stafford es inquiry was told. Philip Sutton, a driver, worked 25 ecutive days before the crash at Stafford station on August 4 this year, the inquiry heard. Mr Sutton, aged 36, from Lichfield, Staffordshire, died when his empty stock transpent through a caution light and ploughed into the Manchester to Penzance express injuring 35 people. Steve Knight, news editor of Rail Magazine said, "More money should be spent recruiting staff otherwise we run the risk of overworking employees and that leads to errors and accidents."

SLD choice

Eastbourne Liberal Demothe by election caused by the home near Malborough, Wilt-murder of the Conservative shire into a hotel restaurant MP Ian Gow Mr Bellotti'is an and golf complex. East Suspex county councillor,

Whistle stop

whistle at women in Cam-. bridge have been warned they will face disciplinary hearings for sexual harassment from the city council.

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primary school in Saffron Walden, Essex, when a fire started as builders tarted a

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Wasp sting kills A verdict of accide Council workmen who wolf- was recorded on Richard Phillips, aged 33, of Wellow, nea th, after an inquest was told that he had been killed by a wasp sting on his ear.

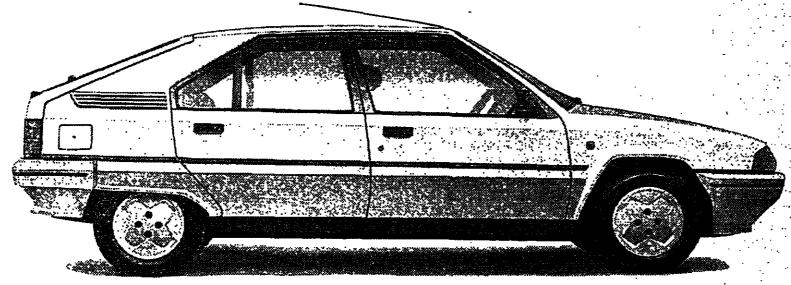
Street siege

Astreet in Hull was evacuated Sixty two children were led to yestenday as armed police safety from St Thomas Moore, negotiated with a man who negotiated with a man who took a woman hostage in a bedroom: After more than two hours the man gave himself up without a struggle

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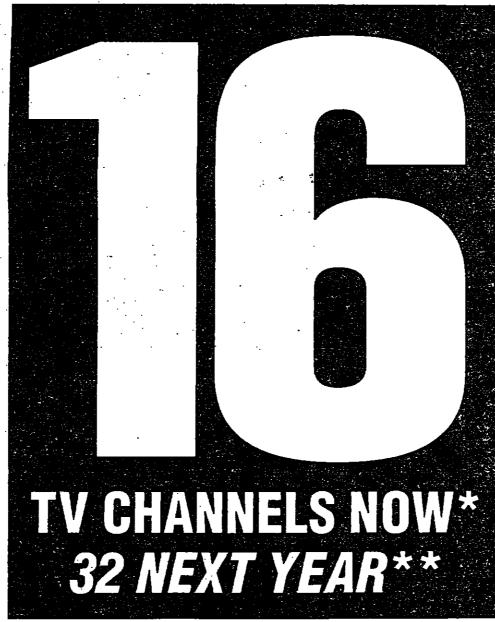
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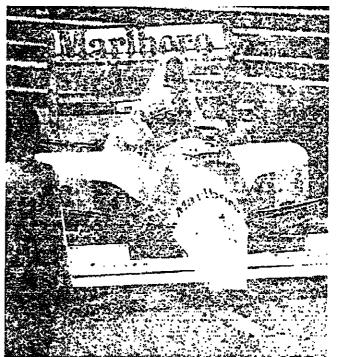
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Catholic poll tax survey shows widespread anxiety

the community charge have single-parent families, handi- paying £1 million less. "We the effects of the poll tax.

More than 700 people from Apostles parish. Leigh, Lan- and food to pay the poll tax. cashire, said that the survey

CUTS in family budgets for anxiety in the Catholic million more in the tax than Catholic priests investigating There had also been stories parishes." Father FitzGerald from those benefiting from the said. "The initiative is a good tax. Some of the forms told of one. The Catholic community 40 parishes have responded to parishioners clubbing together is concerned and giving voice questionnaires sent to priests to pay their priest's poll tax to the anxious, to those who in England and Wales. Father while others reported cut- would not otherwise be Arthur FitzGerald, of 12 backs in holidays, clothing heard."

food, clothing and holidays community. He said that there they had in rates, while Priests in Birmingham yesand widespread anxiety about had been many stories of another prosperous ward was terday. The survey was set up in November after bishops in England and Wales asked been reported to Roman capped people, the elderly, would like to hear from more priests and churches to investigate the likely con-

He was reporting his Four Liverpool areas had progress on the survey, which had proved to be a voice for been found to be paying £3.2 is not yet complete, to the

sequences of the community charge in specific cases and to monitor their effects. The final results will be submitted to the bishops' conference in Priests at the conference also condemned anti-semitic

attacks on Jewish cemeteries and called for greater contact

between Christians and Jews. Father Brian O'Sullivan, synagogues in this country and on continental Europe.
"We feel there is a need for some public statement to be made by Christian groups. While all Christians would deplore the attacks, he said, many had not articulated their

"If there is anything we can do to deepen our knowledge and understanding of our God, I think that would be a very positive way of approaching the healing of a pain-ful rift between Christians and Jews," Father O'Sullivan said. A motion passed by the

priests said that the antisemitic attacks were outra-geous and had disfigured society in recent months and promised to encourage more frequent contact between

with a mug of tea and a rock cake at a anniversary of the Battle of Britain

Debate on the Gulf

Non-payment in London is much higher than predicted

munity charge and business the matter was settled in the Sutton 4,940. On average, rate in greater London is running at "alarmingly high" levels, with one in five failing to make any contribution, lished yesterday.

Half way through the financial year the average nonpayment is £56.56 per head in uncapped boroughs, much higher than predicted.

The survey of 21 authorities by the local government magazine Municipal Journal also found that the average shortfall for the new business rate is £50 per chargepayer.

The non-payment level is expected to be even higher in boroughs that were capped by Chris Patten, the environment

NON-PAYMENT of the com- back their contributions until ity orders, Kingston 3,947 and amounts expected at the half-

charge increases next year are inevitable as councils borrow to make up the shortfall and recoup the extra costs from the Sutton the payment rate was A spokesman for the

Association of London Authorities said: "It will be up to although Hackney, Wands-individual councils whether worth, Enfield and Bexley or not to pass on increased costs next year directly to the contributions. charge payer. It is not just borrowing charges but also increased fuel costs and inflation which will determine 1991 levels."

have already taken court ac- effective boroughs will be tion against non-nevers with obliged to recoup these Croydon issuing 2,000 liabil- amounts in next year's bills."

alarmingly high levels, prompting fears of huge rises Seven of the authorities recovery methods prove in-

way point in the financial year although in Kingston and

The lowest payment level

was 55.8 per cent in Newham

were unable to give figures on

the highest at 96 per cent.

Vote against 'more than expected'

government in the countries was higher than expected because Douglas Hund, the foreign secretary, had made outcome would

tional two Labour tellers of the opponents are on the left of the party but not all are.

and his three deputies not entitled to do so did not vote. Some 282 Conservative MPs supported the government,

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Hurd against UN veto on use of force in the Gulf

THE British government leave Kuwait." There were could not risk allowing the three pressures to be applied:

with a request from the Kn-waiti government. It could not

such means. If we were to Kuwait had now had the leave open that possibility, we opportunity to do so, leave open the possibility that There were 60,000 new he might go away rejoicing in possession of Kuwait and the Jordan and about 190,000 had whole House has undertaken that our first priority must be flights out would be organised

calm debate but nevertheless found the overwhelming majries that they were in the grip
of panic.

However, the aggressor was

Tries that they were in the grip
evacuation of refugees.

Mr Hurd hoped to go to
Egypt before too long. Reflect-

still there. The wrong had not ing on his visit to the Gulf been put right. "We have to states, he said that the Arab

Britain's

forces cost

£1m a day

THE operating cost of British forces in the Gulf is £1 million

a day, and deployment and

cannot rule anything out."

costs of the American forces.

Mr King said that some had been provided by the host

nation such as free fuel. "We

shall be discussing cost shar-

ing with our friends in the

Mr King said he was pleased

that a further number of

hostages' wives and families

had been returned to Britain.

"We will never forget their

husbands who remain, some

countries face at this time.

"I want to say directly, certainly for the government, I

believe from the whole house,

that we do remember them and that we are determined to

some of them in hiding."

UN to veto the use of force in the Gulf if that was deemed necessary. Douglas Hurd made clear yesterday.

Winding up the two-day emergency debate in the Commons the force in the common that the House representation is the force in the case in the case in the force in isolation, sanctions and the certainty that he would lose.

Referring to the hostages in Iraq and Kuwait, Mr Hurd said that the House representation isolation, sanctions and the certainty that he would lose.

mons, the foreign secretary families but not one MP had argued that because of the overwhelmingly that they plight, anxiety, unhappiness and the suffering of the hosoption. Neil Kinnock had tages and their families we accepted that one basis for should weaken or temper this that could be article SI joined country's response to

waiti government. It could not be right to put that choice totally and wholly within the machinery of the UN which they would not be forgotten or included vetoes.

He said: "We cannot leave to get them out safe and open the possibility that necoget them out safe and open the possibility that necoget them out safe and sound. He thought it likely essary action against the that almost all women and aggressor could be blocked by that they would not be forgotten or included vetoes.

Kilvait had now had the

refugees in the three camps in Jordan and about 190,000 had been repatriated. Fifty-five to prevent that happening," in the next few days to He said that it had been a repatriate 9,000 refugees. the next few days to calm debate but nevertheless mainly Sri Lankans and there was anxiety, tension and Bangladeshis. He did not want danger in the air. Britain had to see new camps established, nearly 40,000 citizens in the What was needed was to get area. During his visit he had those people home. Lynda Chalker, the overseas aid minority leading normal lives and ister, was going to Jordan on reading with amazement sto- Tuesday to supervise the

build up pressures on the leaders were staunch in the aggressor until they become situation in which they found intolerable and Iraq has to themselves. There were one or two, such as the exiled Kuwaiti government, which were impatient. But he found in all conversations the understanding that patience was needed

as well as firmness.

Mr Hurd rejected the idea that there should be a compromise which fell short of replacing aggression. The international community, he said, would not allow President Saddam to go smiling home out of Kuwait with two additional equipment costsislands and an oilfield in his already amounted to £75 milpocket.The Saudi Arabians lion, Tom King, defence sec-retary, told the Commons too had made clear that if a middle way were to be Mr King, opening the sec-ond day's debate on the Gulf crisis, gave an assurance that the plight of hostages being contemplated which fell short of a complete reversal of crisis, gave an assurance that aggression, the Arabs would the plight of hostages being be settling for something less than that which the international community was inbe forgotten. He said: "If the

l embargo does not work, have to make clear we sisting upon.

The oil trade on which Iraq UN embargo does not work, had been virtually stopped. He was questioned by Clare. President Saddam would not Short (Birmingham, Ladyrun out of oil but he should wood, Lab) who asked how run out of money. All govern-British forces' costs were to be paid following the news that ments should ensure that Irac could not trade and could not the Saudis were to pay the find ways around the UN sanctions to secure credit or

> It must be right to keep together, to the maximum extent, the coalition at home and abroad. The certainty that the aggressor would lose was crucial to a peaceful solution. If that certainty was qualified by some doubt, by some feeling in his own mind that he might escape with his booty, the chances of a peace-

of them in effective captivity, ful solution were reduced. "What is at stake is the Decisions needed to be future of Kuwait and of the taken about the effective hostages, and the happiness protection of Saudi Arabia and peace of thousands of and other Gulf states and people." Also at stake was about ending the annexation something else: if the coalition of Kuwait. "But let nobody that had been formed against think that we will ever forget aggression held together and the very difficult and dangerous situation which they reversed aggression, the prospects for a better world order and other nationals of many remained good. If it did not hold they were back into Through the media, the words anarchy, punctuated by exploof MPs went out to some sions of force, and the clouds strange places and perhaps to would extinguish that light

and hope.
The motion to adjourn was carried by 437 votes to 35 government majority, 402.

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Media accused of hyping up pain

and television in their dealings the media because of the way with the families of hostages were sharply criticised by Robert Hayward (Kingswood, C), organiser of a helpline for not believe that war was the families of British people in only answer. They must have Iraq and Kuwait.

relatives and friends of hos- solve the problem by tages, and had wanted at all stages to concentrate on the distress and agony and to hype up the pain.

It was not just tabloid newspapers that were at fault interests." In many ways they had been better and it had been television that had wanted film of must not shirk from making a relatives' agony. ITN had rong pre-emptive strike if British one family 30 times until early one morning. They should be ashamed of themselves, he

There is hardly one aspect of the national media of mass destruction. Thereafter, whom I could not make the Iraqi army would be at the similar condemnatory state- mercy of the ailies' high-tech ments. Helplines and relatives weapons.

they have preyed on events." Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) said that he did

a door ready to give President He said that the media Saddam a chance to save some seemed to have forgotten the of his face so that they could negotiation.

The situation had arisen from imperialist oil interests. "I do not want us to be rushed into a war because of oil

Winston Churchill (Davyhulme, C) said that the allies and allied casualties were to be kept to a minimum.

If need be, they should take out" the Iraqi air force, its missiles and its weapons of



Labour tempers support for policy with warning

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LABOUR'S support for the service to the Palestinians the Gulf next week he would action in the Gulf was tempered by a warning from pion. Above all he had raised Gerald Kaufman, shadow foreign secretary, that it was not nuclear war which would not the protection of Saudi Arabia giving the government a blank stop short in the Middle East were essential. He welcomed

He told MPs in yesterday's world. debate: "We shall be voting for what has been done so far and we shall not be voting to give a blank cheque on whatever action should be taken in the future. No government in a democracy can expect such a ereignty, independence and cheque and no opposition can

interest motivated by oil prices and supplies, but President Saddam Hussein did not invade Kuwait for some idealistic reason or some grievance about an outlet to the Gulf. It was because of oil production and its price.

The reaction to his aggres-

petrol companies who had greedily sought to take advantage. Risks were not being taken to defend the right of BP and Esso to put up their prices. The response had been global because the world faced Saddam had sought not only to obliterate a small neigh-bour, but also to destabilise the Arab world and the Is-

region, but could engulf the

be removed from Kuwait of the UN. without condition. Any negotiation must be after Irag had withdrawn and the sovintegrity of Kuwait had been restored.

from the objectives, including stringent sanctions, a naval blockade and an air blockade if this was what the Security Council authorised. "If the international community proceeds in these measures and maintains its unity and its sense of common purpose and sion was proper. Far less determination, the sanctions can succeed."

proper was the action of the There was no doubt that President Saddam would have gone into Saudi Arabia and that was why it was essential to deter such an attack by the speedy deployment of outside resources requested by Saudi Arabia. Labour supported

whom he claimed to cham- tell them of Labour's support pion. Above all he had raised for the action taken so far. Both the ejection of Iraq and the consistent record of the UK government in taking All the United Nations action only under the clear resolutions called for Iraq to and unquestionable authority

Further operations found necessary, like an air blockade, should be clearly and unequivocally authorised by the United Nations. When earlier in the crisis the govern-Mr Kaufman said there He would be telling Kuwait ment discussed with him a were some who argued that and Saudi Arabia reprenaval blockade, he had said the western reaction was self-sentatives of Labour's support that being able to argue the ment discussed with him a that being able to argue the case under Article 51 was not as satisfactory as being able to demonstrate clear and unequivocal authority by going back to the security council for a resolution. This was what had been done.

If the UN was to take the action that the Prime Minister proposed, it must maintain its coherence and effectiveness and it could do so only if its approach was safeguarded. "If the international consensus is broken as a result of action which key permanent mem-bers of the security council cannot support or actively oppose, not only will there be fully the measures taken under no effective UN machinery to United Nations authority to police a settlement, there will United Nations authority to police a settlement, there will ensure that Saudi Arabia was be no settlement to police. It is not raped as Kuwait had been. crucial there should be such a

Defence committee plans visit to troops

By SHEILA GUNN POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Commons defence committee decided yesterday that later this year it will visit British troops stationed in the

After an informal meeting at Westminster of the crossparty committee, Michael Mates, the chairman, said: We want to go and see the conditions in which they are living, if they have the equipment they need and if it is in good working order."

The timing of the visit will be depend on events during the next six weeks as the MPs said they were anxious not to interfere with the deployment of British forces in the region or to put a burden on defence officials. But it will not take place until after the Commons returns on October 15.

American congressional committee members have toured their forces stationed in Saudi Arabia and French defence committee members have questioned ministers on troop deployment.

fairs committee, chaired by David Howell, took advantage of the emergency two-day debate to have a private briefing with Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, on developments in the Middle

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EC promises assistance for hardest hit **Arab states**

From MICHAEL BINYON IN ROME

pays what.

break the embargo, is a significant step by the Twelve, including

neutral Ireland, towards a com-

mon military and security policy,

but Signor de Michelis said the

Community would not directly

contribute to the costs of the

American operation. Instead, the Twelve would make their own

contributions, collectively and in-

dividually, to the Gulf operations.

He said the American call on the

Western allies to share the burden

The ministers yesterday did not

go into the military details because

all of them, except Ireland, will

discuss their national contribu-

tions with James Baker, the US

Secretary of State, at the emer-

gency Nato council meeting in

The Germans, who are expected

to pay the lion's share of the

community contribution but have

so far been hesitant about

committing themselves, emphas-

ised yesterday that Europe was

also looking to the Gulf Arab states for substantial cash support.

Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West

German foreign minister, said

Saudi Arabia would earn an extra

\$3 billion a month from increased

Britain yesterday agreed that the Community should go ahead with

a financial aid package to Syria

which it had previously vetoed

relations with Syria in view of

changed circumstances, "It would

be unrealistic not to recognise that

and the majority of the inter-

Soviet Union on the Gulf, ex-

pected to be finalised when Signor

de Michelis, leading the Italian EC

presidency, visits Moscow next

Saturday. Mr Waldegrave, stand-

ing in for Douglas Hurd, the

foreign secretary, now on a visit to

Tokyo, suggested there was little

substance to such a statement, but

Moscow wanted it and it would be

churlish to refuse. It was also a

welcome sign of Soviet recog-

nition of the EC's political

The ministers emphasised the

importance of the recently re-

launched Euro-Arab dialogue. The

lialian presidency promised to

convene an early meeting after

informal contacts with the Arab

states, giving priority to the Gulf

conflict. The Italians also want to

revitalise the Community's Medi-

terranean policy, but Mr Walde-

grave said it would be a mistake if

such a meeting were linked to the

Arab-Israeli question, Lebanon and other "murky areas", as this

would weaken action on the

NEW YORK: Eleven countries

have asked the United Nations to

help them overcome the economic

hardship caused by the embargo of Iraq and occupied Kuwait, Javier

Perez de Cuellar, the UN sec-

retary-general reported yesterday

Nine of the nations, Bulgaria

India, Jordan, Lebanon, the Phil-

ippines, Romania, Sri Lanka.

Tunisia and Yugoslavia, have

already applied for assistance

under Article 50 of the UN

Charter, which allows them to

consult the security council about

their "special economic prob-

lems". The other two. Sudan and

Yemen, have indicated their

intention to invoke Article 50

Señor Pèrez de Cuellar said in his

first full report to the security

council sub-committee monitor-

ing UN sanctions against Iraq.

central question.

(James Bone writes).

national community," he said.

The ministers also a

Brussels on Monday.

was "justified and legitimate".

FOREIGN ministers of the Euroised around \$2 billion (£1.05 billion) in immediate aid to the governments of Jordan, Egypt and Turkey to help them cope both with the flood of refugees pouring into their countries and the effects of the United Nations sanctions

against Iraq. Meeting in emergency session here, the ministers also agreed to strengthen sanctions by investigating ways of preventing goods from reaching Iraq overland or by air. They said full implementation of the embargo was essential for a peaceful solution.

According to Hans van den Broeck, the Dutch foreign minister, the meeting agreed on \$2 billion as representing Europe's share of the \$9.3 billion which the European Commission estimates the three countries need. Gianni de Michelis, the Italian foreign minister, did not give an exact figure but said short-term relief and longer-term help with balance of payments deficits could run into "billions"

Community finance ministers,

Americans optimistic of winning

Gulf confrontation Americans had toughened their stance towards Iraq while expressing growing optimism that their country had the upper hand against Presi-dent Saddam Hussein's troops, according to the latest national opinion poll (Susan Ellicott

The poll, conducted last Tuesday and Wednesday by The Wall Street Journal/NBC News, found that 84 per cent of Americans think the United States should take military action against Iraq if it attacks Saudi Arabia. This is a 10 per cent increase on two weeks earlier. If Iraq fails to withdraw from Kuwait, 56 per cent of Americans would support a US military response, compared with 43 per cent two weeks earlier.

A bipartisan team of pollsters attributed the changes to mounting confidence in the US military as its rapid build-up nears completion. The passage of a month without dramatic incident, despite the potential flashpoints of Iraq's rounding up of hostages and the halting by US naval forces of ships suspected of breaking a UNbacked trade embargo against traq, also contributed.

The American public now believes, by a margin of 56 to 36 per cent, that the United States will defeat Iraq without a shooting war. Last month Americans were split almost evenly on whether there would be a war. "Resolve and support for the US action is a little stronger than it was two weeks ago," the pollsters said. The results show continued strong support among Americans for President Bush's handling of events in the Gulf.

Red Cross fails in hostage bid

president of the all-Swiss International Committee of the Red Cross, flew back to Geneva after a week of talks in Jordan. Iraq and Iran to report failure in his attempt to get the Red Cross involved in helping hostages in Iraq (A Correspondent writes). He said he had believed he had a

deal which would allow the Red Cross to visit foreigners held in hotels and elsewhere in Baghdad and Kuwait. He had been prepared to fly back to Baghdad today from Tehran, where he met government officials yesterday, to sign the accord. At the last minute, however, he received word the Iraqis had changed their mind. "I have no idea why this is," he told a press conference.

Three succesive meetings with Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi foreign minister, had also produced an unbending refusal to agree that the Geneva conventions on the treatment of prisoners should apply in the current conflict.

Britain warns on sanctions busting

London - The Trade and Industry Department yesterday warned companies of severe penalties for breaching sanctions on trade with Iraq and Kuwait (Derek Harris writes). Six orders are now in operation covering almost all trade from gold and securities to

manufactured goods. The department has set up an enforcement unit to ensure there is tight surveillance, including the checking of company records. The unit, which is expected to expand rapidly, will work closely with customs and excise officials and the police.

A department statement said: "Breaching sanctions is a serious offence. The maximum penalty on conviction is up to seven years imprisonment or an unlimited



Short rations: an Indian refugee at a camp near Amman with the lunch for which he spent four hours quening yesterday — unleavened bread, a tomato and a piece of cheese. It could be February before he can return home

JORDAN

Refugees face hard winter in desert

By JUAN CARLOS GUMUCIO IN AMMAN AND MICHAEL KNIPE

AN INTERNATIONAL effort to repatriate more than 150,000 mostly Third-World refugees stranded on Iraq's borders with Jordan and Turkey gathered pace yesterday. By last night the multinational airlift which began on Monday had evacuated 5,000 people on 18 flights, mostly to Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. The number of seats on flights arranged over the next four weeks totals more than 40,000.

But, even if the most optimistic predictions are correct, thousands of the refugees may be stuck in the squalid desert camps until next year. A report by the International Organisation for Migration, incorporated in a Jordanian government study now circulating in Amman, says the repatriation of all refugees in Jordan could take at least five months. In

response to the emergency appeal for £37 million to fund the evacuation, Japan yesterday donated about £6 million. Britain, having given £2 million on Thursday, said yesterday that Linda Chalker, the minister for overseas development, would visit Jordan early next week to see the problem for herself.

If the migration organisation receives enough contributions it could arrange the repatriation of about 6,000 people a week. But there is little confidence that this will be achieved. Lack of co-ordination in Jordan is visible at all levels. There is not even agreement on the number of refugees in the two large encampments on the Jordan-Iraq border and in the tent cities scattered around Amman, and more refugees continue to pour in: at least

15,000 a day according to official calculations There are reports that up to 300,000 non-Arabs are still waiting on the Iraqi side of the border. The Jordanian government fears that, unless a massive airlift is arranged, the kingdom could soon have up to two million impoverished foreigners in its territory. With winter approaching, medical and housing costs are likely to soar dramatically. "Winter is very cold and very hostile in the desert," a government

As international attention began to focus more directly on the refugees' plight, there were reports of a build-up of people on the Iraq-Turkey border. With 10,000 refugees already in Turkey, a further 50,000 were said to be gathered on the Iraqi side.

MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON

Pressure on for summit deal

From Mary Dejevsky in moscow and Martin Fletcher in Washington

WHEN President Gorbachev because of Syria's involvement in leaves Moscow for Helsinki this terrorism. Mr Waldegrave said Britain was ready to reassess its afternoon, he will be leaving behind a city and a country in more disorder than most Russians can remember. Several Soviet Syria has taken a stand with us commentators are already comparing the economic dislocation, civil unrest and ethnic formal joint declaration with the

the 1917 revolution. Domestic troubles restrict Mr Gorbachev's room for manoeuvre at Helsinki, but they also increase the need for the talks to be seen as a success at home. Ideally, the Soviet leader and his foreign minister, Eduard Shevardnadze, have hinted that they would like to see Helsinki lay the foundation for a comprehensive Middle East

settlement. While modesty (and probably realism) prevent them from openly claiming the role of mediator, they have relished the diplomatic comings and goings in Moscow, which is one of few foreign capitals where Iraqi leaders have been given a public hearing. The American side, with some muted support from worldly-wise spokesmen in the Soviet foreign ministry, has anpeared to rule out the first option and expressed reservations about the possibility of mediation. Moscow is probably expecting, therefore, to have to settle for a good deal less than US support for a Middle East peace conference to include Israel, and appointment as mediator in the Gulf.

Money, or the promise of it, would probably go a long way to satisfy the Soviet side. The haughty rejections of Western Washington summit, have faded. The government newspaper Izvestia yesterday published its main Helsinki preview under the headline: "Assistance, but with a condition". That condition, in the paper's view, would be proof, in the form of the withdrawal of Soviet military specialists from Iraq, that Moscow had halted military support for Iraq. (It cut off military supplies within hours of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.) The commentator, writing from New York anneated to see little wrong with the condition, even though "linkage" has long been

anathema to Moscow. One of the chief obstacles to more US economic help for the Soviet Union (aside from the wariness of US business to invest) is the fact that the law on emigration has not yet passed through the Soviet parliament. The Americans and the Russians are talking about economic under-

standings being reached at Hel-

sinki which would be quite separate from the "most favoured"

nation" status Moscow covets. What can Mr Gorbachev realistically give in return? He can offer President Bush a further public assurance that the view of the world, and Iraq, in Moscow does not differ radically from that in The value of such an assurance should not be underestimated, either for the US president or for the West as a whole. It will demonstrate to the Iraqi

leadership the degree of its isolation and show that East and West cannot be so easily divided as it may have thought. In return for US support in reviving the UN military staff council, and possibly even without that quid pro quo, Moscow might be prepared to offer at least moral support for military action against Iraq.

The use of Soviet troops, ships and aircraft seems unlikely, partly because Moscow has been so adamantly opposed to the use of force, partly because of domestic opposition to Soviet troops fighting abroad. Last week the official communist party paper, Pravda, expressed the view that a US-led armed attack on Iraq would mean the end of detente.

If Mr Gorbachev can publicly dissociate himself from that view, as foreign ministry spokesmen aiready have, that could be all that President Bush is looking for.

Soviet support for UN resolu-

tion 665, which allowed the use of "commensurate force", indicated that Moscow would not, in the last analysis and if other methods failed, oppose the use of force. In recent days its position has seemed less clear-cut. A return to clarity and an image of US-Soviet solidarity may suit both sides well.

President Bush flew to Helsinki overnight in his new Air Force One, a customised Boeing 747 replete with 85 telephones, 19 televisions, seven bathrooms, anti-missile desences and presidential office, bedroom, changing room and medical suite.

It was a stylish way to arrive, but Mr Bush may have been rather too preoccupied to notice. Summits, however dressed up, are ultimately about deals, and a deal

is what Mr Bush must reach with Mr Gorbachev to maintain the momentum of his impressive

drive to reverse Iraq's aggression. Mr Bush needs, above all, an unqualified display of superpower unity to dramatise Iraq's utter isolation and put paid to Baghdad's hopes of playing off Moscow wants to break the logiam on talks to cut strategic missiles and conventional forces in Europe so that treaties can be signed before the year's end, and a settlement of the decade-long Afghan conflict.

Mr Gorbachev is averse to none of the above, but his wholehearted co-operation may well come at a price. He is likely to renew his plea for urgent economic assistance.

Publicly there would be no direct linkage of the two. Marlin Fitzwater, the White House press secretary, denied a Los Angeles Times report on Thursday which said Washington had quietly offered to try to secure a big international aid package for the Soviet Union in return for Soviet military participation in the Gulf and the removal of military advisers in Baghdad. However it was Mr Fitzwater himself who first linked economic help with Moscow's general support for Washington's handling of the Gulf crisis. "I think it's fair to say that the Soviet co-operation in the Gulf has impressed us to the point that we are even more interested in being supportive economically if we can be," he said on Wednesday. That co-operation clearly moves us in the direction. of being more helpful".

Differences between Moscow and Washington on conduct of the Gulf crisis are not big, but they exist and distract from the impression of total superpower unity hat Washington so badly needs. Mr Bush wants the Russians to withdraw their military advisers from Iraq - an issue Moscow now appears to be moving on - tone down their calls for a UN military role, and shelve their idea for an international conference on the Middle East which would discuss Israeli as well as Traqi expansionism.

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SOVIET UNION

Moscow 'trying to pull out' advisers

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ANDREW MCEWEN IN HELSINKT

EDUARD Shevardnadze the Soviet foreign minister, said yes-terday that Moscow was trying to withdraw its military advisers from Iraq and was having secret talks with Baghdad to free the hostages being held by President Saddam Hussein.

At the end of a four-day visit to Tokyo, Mr Shevardnadze said: "We have some 8,000 people working there in Iraq, but the number of military advisers is about 180 and the number is being

"Mr Aziz (the Iraqi foreign minister) said after meeting Mr Gorbachev in Moscow that Iraq had no need for those military advisers and that if the Sovier Union wished to withdraw them that would be no problem for fraq. Our first priority was to get women and children our. Now we are ready to make our utmost efforts to pull them (the advisers)

It emerged, meanwhile, that Mr Aziz's reception in Moscow was even cooler than it appeared Soviet sources disclosed that he would like to return after the Bush-Gorbachev meeting, and was told he would be welcome if

he had something new to say.

Acknowledging that many countries are looking to Moscow over the thousands still detained by Iraq, Mr Shevardnadze said the Soviet Union was "making various efforts to resolve this issue including formal statements and secret contacts and talks."

He said the Soviet Union had no miracle solution to present to Washington when Presidents Bush and Gorbachev meet in Helsinki tomorrow, but he warned America against a unilateral military-strike against Iraq. "The US would not be well advised to take punitive unilateral military ac tion. We need to engage the (UN) security council first," he said.

"As to the results of the Helsinki meeting, I'm not sure I can be very specific. What would be most important would be the search for ways to a peaceful conclusion to the conflict... Had this occurred during the days of the Cold War we would have been on the brink of nuclear war and our nuclear arsenal would have been on high

The effect of the summit will be to give the economic blockade of Iraq the best possible chance of success by removing any unpression of unwillingness on Mos-cow's part. Mr Gorbachev will want sanctions to be given time to work, even if it means leaving Iraqi forces in control of Kuwait for some months. Some reports have suggested impatience in Washington over any long delay, but Western sources, said these

were unfounded. The Bush administration and Mrs Thatcher are understood to have agreed that there should be no premature use of force unless in response to an iraqi attack.

Moscow has binted that it might support the creation of a United Nations force to drive Iraqi troops out of Kuwait, but this is not seen as a short-term prospect. It would be considered only if economic sanctions failed.

Soviet diplomatic efforts to find. a solution to the Gulf confrontation intensified yesterday, in advance of the Helsinki minisummit. The US ambassador, lack Matlock, was received by the deputy foreign minister who has overseen day to day policy towards the Gulf, Aleksandr Belonogov.

At the same time, the chairman of the group co-ordinating Gulf policy, deputy premier Igor Belousov, was reported to have met a special envoy from the President of Tunisia, minister of state Zin al-Abidin ben Ali.Tunisia has been mooted as a potential mediator in the Gulf.

The official Tass news agency vesterday announced the arrival in Moscow of a special envoy from the Libyan leader, Colonel Gadaffi

CAIRO: Many of Moscow's allies in the Arab world are afraid: that the superpower summit in Helsinki tomorrow could result in the screws being turned even fighter against Iraq (writes Christopher Walker).

in an open letter published resterday, the leaders of six radical Palestinian factions urged President Gorbachev to seek a peaceful solution to the Gulf confrontation.

Conor Cruise O'Brien, page 12

Pentagon finds patriotic gifts are not always practical

From Susan Ellicott IN WASHINGTON

AS AMERICAN troops in Saudi Arabia fight the dual enemies of boredom and thirst, the folks back home are flooding the Pentagon with offers of gifts ranging from the welcome to the woefully impractical. The Defence Department recently received a telephone call from a New England woman offering to send between 2,000 and 3,000 fresh lobsters packed in ice to the US forces. Officials politely directed her idea through the appropriate channels but privately held out scant hope the crustaceans would

survive the journey to the Gulf. More successful was a proposed donation from the Coca-Cola company of 20.000 crates of Coke. Field commanders in Saudi Arabia jumped at the offer and quickly mobilised teams of GIs to bring 2,000 cases a day across the desert by truck under armed escort from a warehouse there to sweaty soldiers at base

Anti-American demonstrators carrying posters and shouting slogans denouncing President Bush in Amman yesterday

The Defence Logistics Agency, which fields calls from would-be donors at its office in the Washington suburbs, has received so many offers of help from patriotic Americans anxious to do their bit, however small, that it set up a telephone hotline to field calls. An airconditioning expert telephoned to offer help in the Gulf. A woman rang wanting to bake cookies for the US forces. A plumber volunteered to fly to the Middle East to ply his trade.

Other offers include comics, novels, 100 head of cattle, umbrellas, cassette recorders, 500 copies a week of Time magazine, bottles of drinking water, sunscreen lotion and a supply of fancy ice

cream from a West Germany-based branch of the firm Haagen-Dazs.

Although the Pentagon was unable to send the ice cream to the Gulf, the offer was not wasted. US troops stopping off at West German bases en route to the Middle East are eating it.

Sadly, said Pat Miller, a spokeswoman for a privately-funded group that screens the proposals, the Pentagon has none the less had to turn down some offers because of transport or cost problems. It is hard to squeeze in a box of umbrellas, she said. when the military is struggling to keep up with official shipments to the forces in the Gulf that include 100,000 pairs of sun goggles, 400,000 desert carnouflage suits and almost 16 million ready-to-eat meals. Americans began bombarding the Pentagon with offers of gifts soon after the deployment of US troops last month. The

under a 1954 law originally designed to even bubble bath liquid. permit the government to accept art works. At first, donors offered bottled. water after seeing television film of the US forces sweltering in temperatures of 120°F in the Gulf. The Pentagon discreetly pointed out that the troops had plenty of water bought locally. Alternative offers ensued, including fruit sodas, popular in men and women. Videos of films showing the United States as after-sport thirst-

More recently, a Las Vegas casino and hotel company donated 10,000 decks of playing cards, concerned about reports that troops were fighting boredom as the soldiers while away the hours, a radio station in Baltimore offered to send 3,000 music tapes. Other callers have pledged

logistics agency is allowed to receive gifts exercise equipment, video games and

Apparently, many of the callers do not realise that the troops are mainly living in tents and have little space for their gifts.

The United States must also choose goods carefully to avoid offending the morals and religious views of the Saudi troops who work alongside American servicewomen in positions of authority or scantily clad are out, as are magazines that could be seen as pornographic.

"Maybe some portable generators would be a better idea," said Ms Miller. The US Navy meanwhile is trying to standoff between Iraqi and American keep morale high by encouraging Ameri-troops dragged in to its fifth week. To help cans to join its "Adopt a Sailor" programme and write charry letters to naval troops in the Gulf, heading them "Dear Brave Heart".

العكذا من لذمل

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

area of Iraq within relatively easy reach of the Kuwaiti border, according to the latest Western assessment, increasing the number to about 300.000 and the tanks to about

It is believed there are between four and five armoured-mechanised divisions and five or six infantry di-visions - a total of between 150,000 and 155,000 men - in Kuwait, seven Republican Guards divisions, armoured and infantry, just across the Iraqi border, and up to 10 regular army divisions spread out from the Shatt al-Arab Arabia. waterway to the north of Basra. Iraq has also set up a forward military headquarters in Basra so that the military operation can be controlled closer to the action.

The number of tanks in Kuwait, mostly Soviet T 55s,

Ankara to

send two

warships

From RASHIT GURDILEK

IN ANKARA

surface-to-air missiles.

backed by tanks and surface-to-air missiles on its southern

modern republic's 67-year his-

tory, to send forces abroad.

Despite the opposition's professed pacificism and the pub-

lic concern about a "chemical

war", President Ozal is deter-

mined to earn the country -

and himself - an active role in

Mr Ozal told a national

East after the crisis.

TURKEY

THE Iraqis have at least 25 has risen to at least 1,500. divisions in Kuwait and in an Another 1,500 are deployed with the elite Republican Guards and other regular divisions in southern Iraq. The Republican Guards have the more advanced Soviet T 72s. There are also 700 artillery pieces in Kuwait.

Even when all the American tanks assigned to Operation Desert Shield have arrived in Saudi Arabia, which is not expected to be until mid-October, there will probably be fewer than 1,000.

It is this imbalance which might persuade the British government to send an armoured brigade to Saudi

There are also Iraqi Silkworm anti-ship missiles, about 20 Soviet Frog battlefield missile launchers and a range of surface-to-air missiles, including Soviet Sam 2s, Sam 3s and the shoulder-held

The latest assessment of Iraq's air force is that it has about 800 combat fighters, not 513, as previously believed. Squadrons of Soviet Su 27 Frogfoots have been spotted on the main air bases closest to the Iraq-Kuwait border. This attack aircraft is the Soviet counterpart of the American A 10 "tank-busting" Thunderbolt, at least 60 of which have been sent to

Three fully loaded Iraqi oil tankers — Hittin and Al Qudisyah, both 150,000 tons, TURKEY is preparing to send two warships to the Gulf to and the 35.000-ton Rumaila help enforce UN economic are moored at Iraq's terminal at Umm Qasr. Aircraft carrysanctions against Iraq, sources said yesterday. They said the ing military equipment are known to be still flying from West German-designed Meko-class frigates, Fatih and Libya to Iraq. Recent flights went through Jordanian and Turgut Reis, were on stand-by at the western naval port of Syrian air space.

The 2,780-tonne vessels are armed with Harpoon surface-to-surface and Sea Sparrow RAF Hercules transport aircraft have flown 8,000 hours in one month, ferrying men and equipment to Cyprus, The sources said Turkey Saudi Arabia and other Gulf had earmarked between 4.500 states, which is more than during the four weeks of military build-up after Argen-tina invaded the Falklands in and 5.000 troops which could join the multi-national force in Saudi Arabia. Turkey, which has about 95,000 troops 1982.

● BONN: The state pros ecutor in Munich has opened border with Iraq, says it has no an investigation into Messer-immediate plans to send schmitt-Bölkow-Blohm after spare parts for helicopters in Parliament on Wednesday 60 crates addressed to "Iraqi empowered the government, Army Aviation" and "Central for only the third time in the Bank of Iraq ... Militar Account" were found in one of the company's warehouses at Ottobrunn-Höhenkirchen in Bavaria (Ian Murray writes).

The company has denied that it has sent anything to Iraq since the UN-imposed sanctions, but it has con the reshaping of the Middle firmed that five of its technicians are there. The investigation is not into sanctionsbreaking, but into allegations newspaper on Wednesday that that the parts were being sent he is convinced the map of the Middle East will alter dramati- in breach of West Germany's cally after the Gulf crisis. To export laws prohibiting unthis end, he has chosen to licensed export of military pursue solidarity with the US. | equipment.

HIGH-TECH WEAPONS

Iraqi early-warning system outclassed

By MICHAEL EVANS

about a dozen American and Saudi early warning Awacs aircraft operating a 24-hour patrol in the Gulf, Iraq's two equivalent systems, the Baghdad I and Adnan I, are less capable. But it is believed that additional equipment may have been installed recently on the Bagdad I so that it can operate as an airborne command and control system for

The Iraqi version of the Awacs is based on the Soviet Hyushin 76 transport aircraft, fitted with French Tigre ground-based mounted on trailers but the Iraqis, probably with Soviet help, have adapted the equipment for airborne early-warn-

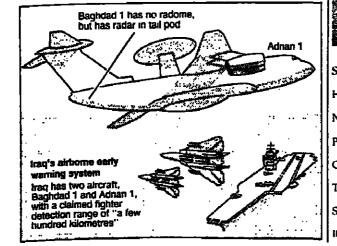
early-warning aircraft, it is Saudi Arabia have also been likely the Iraqis will be wary of fitted with Have Quick.

COMPARED to the fleet of flying them too close to hostile fighters. But the Iragis make the Tigre radar under licence and it is possible that, with 36 llyushin 76 aircraft, they may

try to produce extra early warning systems to provide more cover for their fighters. The Iraqi communication system on board is unlikely to be particularly advanced, although it could have a jam-

proof data link system,

providing coded transmis sions from air to ground. By contrast, the American Awacs in Saudi Arabia are surveillance radar. This is a fitted with a coded system system called JTIDS (joint tactical information distribution system) which is supposed to be jam-resistant, and also with "Have Quick" radio, which enables operators to talk to the Iraq claims its early warning ground and to fighters in the aircraft have a detection range air on a scrambled transof a few hundred kilometres mission that hops from one but their real effectiveness is frequency to another. Some of not known. Having only two the RAF Tornado F3s sent to





The way ahead: Sheikh Saad al-Sabah, Kuwait's prime minister, whose governme is coming to terms with the need for a permanent foreign force in the Gulf

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KUWAIT

Emir faces up to idea of permanent foreign force

From Nicholas Beeston in Talf

been invaded twice by Iraq

permanent deployment of for-

Although Kuwaiti ministers

drawn publicly on the matter,

they accept that the price for

the return of their country

could be the establishment of

a permanent US force in the

emirate as a deterrent against future aggression. "If the Americans had been here in

said, echoing the views of many in the exiled gov-

ernment. "When we get our

country back, I and many others would be in favour of a

permanent US force, even if it

pan-Arab unity and has im-

posed a more pragmatic ap-

Arab countries," he said.

eign forces in the region.

regional security system in the THE Sheraton Hotel in this Saudi mountain resort is a far cry from the opulence of the Dasman royal palace in Ku-wait. But, for Sheikh Jaber al-Since independence from Britain in 1961, Kuwait has Sabah and his exiled ministers and aides, the modest building has been transformed into a and threatened repeatedly by temporary seat of government that is clinging to the last

threads of power. When James Baker, the US Secretary of State, arrived yesterday, the nervous and soft-spoken Kuwaiti monarch, who has avoided public appearances since he was deposed a month ago, sat uncomfortably in a cramped reception room. "We will sacrifice anything necessary to

restore our country," he said. Mr Baker, on a four-nation tour of the Middle East and the Soviet Union in advance f tomorrow's superpower ummit in Helsinki, left the Gulf with assurances from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait that they would help to meet the multi-billion-dollar cost of the military build-up and would compensate countries suffer-ing from the economic boycott of Iraq.

means being branded a US stooge or a Zionist by other The Kuwaiti leadership is beginning to come to terms The invasion of Kuwait, it is becoming clear, has for the time being buried any idea of with the long-term implications of the conflict in the Gulf. Before his arrival Mr Baker had suggested to Congress a plan to establish a

proach on the Guif states. The Gulf aimed at protecting Gulf Co-operation Council, a vulnerable oil-rich states from military alliance of the six protect Kuwait. US. Saudi and Kuwaiti strategists now believe that the region can only be secure with a perma-

nent foreign force in the Iran. The prospect of future aggression against countries with vital Western oil interests has forced Arab Gulf states region. It seems likely that Egypt and Syria, which both have large standing armies and have promised as many as and the West to consider 50,000 troops to the current joint Arab force in Saudi Arabia, could provide much and officials refuse to be

of the manpowe But it is also clear that the presence of US forces would be needed as a superpower guarantee of stability. The plan would be to establish a US base in Kuwait, as well as pre-positioning heavy military equipment at supply dumps the first place Iraq could never have dared attack," a member of the Kuwaiti ruling family

around the region. European nations could continue to contribute naval forces and possibly station garrisons on the smaller Gulf states such as the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Bahrain.

"Of course we learn from our past when we make decisions for the future," said the Kuwaiti foreign minister Sheikh Sabah ai-Sabah. "One has to consider arrangements not only for making my country stable but making the

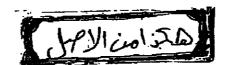
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INJAKARTA :

THE search for peace in Cambodia has taken some strange twists but yesterday it turned in an even more bizarre direction; it somehow got mixed up with

Yet, at the same time, there were encouraging signs that a breakthrough towards a settlement which could bring peace to Cambodia after almost 12 years of war might be in the offing. Diplomats here warned, however, that any him of optimism on Cambodia should always be tempered with extreme caution.

Hun Sen, the prime minister of the Vietnam-backed regime in Phnom Penh, said Prince Norodom Sihanouk should take part directly in crucial but stalled talks on a United Nations formula for Jakarta this weekend.

Speaking on departure from Ho Chi Minh city in Victnam for the Indonesian capital, and continuing a frustrating dialogue that has been going on for days. Mr Hun Sen said he would not take part directly in a meeting bringing together Cambodia's four warring factions if Prince Sihanouk did

The prince, aged 68, leader of the guerrilla coalition, which includes two non-communist components and the Khmer Rouge and which is opposed to the regime in Phnom Penh, had said he was coming to Jakarta at the invitation of President Subarto of

He would be available for "consultations" with the co-chairmen of the conference, represent-

Mr Hun Sen said: "Without the participation of Sihanouk, who is considered father of the nation, and who is a key to the political solution, and who if compared to famous footballers would be a Pele, Platini or a Maradona, then I too cannot take part."

His reference to Prince Sihanouk as "father of the nation" was tongue in cheek. But Mr Hun Sen's football comparison was apt as he and Prince Sihanouk are avid soccer fans, though the prince only watches games on television his favourite player is Maradona, according to aides who send him video tapes - while the prime minister, at 39, is a player. During a visit to a small town in Cambodia last year, I saw Mr Hun

Sen playing outside right in a local

match - a position that in political

at the time, did not quite correspond with the (diluted) marxist orientation of the Phnom Penh

On arrival in Jakarta last night Mr Hun Sen said he had not yet decided whether to attend the meeting or not. "If Prince Sihanouk does. I will." he said.

The mercurial former monarch. who likes to assume the mantle of an elder statesman who is above the burly burly of negotiation, is due to arrive from Peking tonight, and diplomats thought the question of the attendance of the two principal leaders in the Cambodian equation could be sorted out with the help of Ali Alatas, the Indonesian foreign minister, who has worked tirelessly towards an end to the war.

Diplomats say that the reasons for guarded optimism stem from

involved in the search for peace the United States, the Soviet Union and China - are increasing pressure on their Cambodian

while in the

protégés to reach a settlement. While the Americans are preparing for talks for the first time with the Phnom Penh government. Eduard Shevardnadze. the Soviet foreign minister, said in Tokyo yesterday that he was ready to meet Prince Sihanouk, who the Soviet authorities have shunned since his overthrow in Cambodia in 1970.

"This is good news", Prince Norodom Ranariddh, military leader of his father's guerrilla faction, said.

Mr Shevardnadze has even referred to Prince Sihanouk as 'leader of the Cambodian people". It would be hard to imagine this remark coming from

cipal backers of the regime they installed in Phnom Penh after driving out the Khmer Rouge in December 1978.

It was the Khmer Rouge whose brutal rule resulted in the deaths of up to a million people. But even this faction may be willing to compromise on the composition of a supreme national council that will represent Cambodian sovereignty but give substantial powers to the UN as preparations are made for free elections, under the plan envisaged by the security council's five permanent

members. Sources close to the Khmer Rouge said the faction would accept the formula of six scats for the Phnom Penh government and six for the guerrilla coalition leaving the Khmer Rouge with only two. The Chinese, the main

have pressed the Khmer Rouge on this, diplomats said.

Despite the hope that a breakthrough might be possible, hard bargaining on the composition of the supreme national council and other issues still lies ahead. The Phnom Penh regime is naturally reluctant to see itself dismanued. But Mr Hun Sen said he had come with good intentions and a spirit

of compromise". On the security council plan he said: "We have already accepted the document as a framework of comprehensive solution. This means it's a basis of negotiations. h's already the framework of a solution.

Khieu Samphan, the Khmer Rouge leader, said late last night when asked about the prospect for the talks: "There are still problems but I think they can be overcome."

Burmese

Official press accuses Bhutto of fraud in business deals

From Christopher Thomas in Karachi

PAKISTAN'S caretaker government, stung by military criticism of its attempts to discredit Benazir Bhutto, yesterday accused the former prime minister and her husband of massive fraud.

The government levelled the toughest and most specific allegations so far in its month-long campaign of innuendo against Miss Bhutto, conducted largely on state-controlled television and in leaks to anti-Bhutto newspapers. To the government's immense frustration and humiliation, however, the effort has plainly failed to damage Miss Bhutto's standing among grassroots supporters.

The government is therefore trying the new tactic of linking Miss Bhutto directly with business deals involving Asif Ali Zardari, her husband. The couple were called the "Bhutto-Zardari combine", the first time the phrase has been used, in a front-page article

UK 'blocking nuclear arms control deal'

Britain, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy and the Soviet Union are holding up an important advance in nuclear arms control, according miormed chines in Ce (Henry Stanhope writes).

They are blocking a proposal before the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty review conference, that would prevent any treaty signatory from supplying nuclear materials or technology to another power unless its customer agreed to open its nuclear industry to regular inspection by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Li loses a job

Peking - Chinese national radio has said that Li Pens, the premier has been dismissed as head of a key economic think tank, but Chinese economists said the move did not signify a fall from grace for the hardline leader. The radio said Chen Jinhua, aged 61, president of the China Petrochemical Corporation, had replaced Li as head of the state commission for restructuring the economy. (Reuter)

Doe ultimatum

Abidjan - A number of West African leaders have told President Doe of Liberia to resign or face removal by force, Liberians close to negotiations have said. The ultimatum was issued this week by Lieutenant-General Arnold Quainoo, a Ghanaian who heads the five-nation West African military force sent to Liberia to try to end the civil war. President Doe has been given up to ten days to respond. (NYT)

Japanese knight

Tokyo - Takashi Ishihara, the chairman of the Nissan car company, has become an honorary Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire for his services to Britain's economy and to Anglo-Japanese understanding. Mr Ishihara, aged 78, who led Japanese carmakers into Britain, gave nearly £5 million to fund a chair for contemporary Japanese studies at Oxford.

Korean optimism

Second - You Hyong Muk, the prime minister of North Korea, left South Korea for home, leaving behind renewed hopes of better relations between the two Koreas after talks in which he met President Roh Tae Woo. Although no significant agreement was achieved the historic meetings were judged a success.

Canada poll shock

Ottawa - Voters in Ontario, Canada's largest province, rejected the Liberal government and clected the New Democratic party for the first time, giving the New Democrats 74 of the provincial legislature's 130 seats. The Conservatives won 20 and the Liberals 36, a loss, for them, of 59

in The Pakistan Times, a govern-

ment mouthpiece, yesterday.

For all the serious allegations and torrents of criticism mounted in the past month, together with a promise yesterday of hair-raising details" to come, no charges have been brought against Miss Bhutto. Indeed, all indications are that none will be for the foreseeable future, despite constant hints that she could be charged with corruption or even treason. Corruption and nepotism were cited as the reasons for her dismissal.

, Much is being made of a secretly recorded tape in the government's possession in which Miss Bhutto is supposedly in conversation in her Islamabad office with Rajiv Gandhi when he was India's prime minister. Senior members of the acting government claim she told him that the chief minister of Pakistani Punjab was involved in sabotage in India. She also allegedly told him that the sarne chief minister had established a Kashmiri separatist guerrill a training camp in Rawalpindi.

The Pakistan Times said that Miss Bhutto and Mr Zardari gave instructions for billions of rupees of unsecured government loans to be given to 50 large projects. The loans were sanctioned in the names of "frontmen" but the mioney in fact went to the "Bhutto-Zardari combine", according to the newspaper. The headline de-

cused in sanction of loans? The Federal Investigating Ageacy is examining details of the 50 projects, one of the biggest of which supposedly involved the construction of sugar mills. Amother was for the establishment of a chain of duty-free shops. Various "frontmen" for Miss Bhutto and her husband were named by The Pakistan Times, which said that one of them had fled. "These frontmen did not enjoy any social status," it ob-served. "In fact some have a criminal record. They were used by the Bibitto-Zardari combine to

their own advantage." After these accusations, the newspaper went on to report gossip about Mr Zardari's financial arrangements to pay for his marriage to Miss Bhutto. He is spid to have taken a loan of five million rupees (£125,000) from a businessman who in return demanded a 40 per cent stake in a building project in which Mr Zardari was involved. When Miss Houtto became prime minister the

deal was apparently cancelled. The paper said the Federal livestigating Agency had cited Mr Zardari as the principal accused in cases relating to the sanction of pans based on political considerations. The statement seems to icave little doubt that he faces arrest. The newspaper said that the former president of the government-owned Habib Bank, arrested on Wednesday, was

inder "intense interrogation". As ramours continue to circulate about efforts to persuade or force Miss Bhutto not to contest the October 24 election, a government spokesman in Islamabad denied that any deal had been offered under which the former prime minister would quit politics n return for immunity from prosecution.



Filipinos cheerfully riding out floodwaters with polystyrene rafts in Bulacan province yesterday. Thousands fled from Manila as heavy rains caused by Typhoon Dot flooded the city and battered Taiwan. One Taiwanese was killed and another swept out to sea

South African liberals torn between ANC and de Klerk

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

been at once a gratifying and bewildering experience for South Africa's Democratic party. The flagship of white liberals who campaigned against racial discrimination for decades, the party is suddenly adrift in unfamiliar currents and in danger of foundering. Thousands of its supporters

have defected to the reformist National party of President de Klerk - who will be having talks in Washington with President Bush later this month - leaving the remainder wondering what to do next. The sense of uncertainty was apparent when delegates gathered for the party's national congress in Johannesburg yesterday, to elect a new leader and chart, their future course. Having abandoned an unpopular troika leadership, the party appeared to be evenly divided in a gentlemanly contest between Zach de Beer, one of the original coleaders, and Tian van der Merwe,

the national chairman. Policy differences between them are slight, being more of nuance than substance. Dr de Beer believes the party should not contemplate an alliance with the African National Congress until its commitment to democracy is proved, while Mr van de Merwe lays more emphasis on actively pursuing such a pact.

The issue is central to the debate on strategy and, pending the outcome, the consensus appeared to be that the Democrats still had a vital role to play promoting liberal values in a post-apartheid society. How to do so became a matter of vigorous debate.

Younger members and disaffected Afrikaners favoured the ANC option, middle-class supporters tended towards the Nationalists, and a third school, of senior party members, proposed holding the middle ground. Lester Fuchs, from a Johannes-

Nationalists and the ANC as political opponents. "We should not try to sweep our differences under the carpet," he said. "These people do not share our vision of democracy."

In an implicit reference to the ANC as people who tortured their own supporters in concentration camps, he said: "The ANC should not get preferential treatment. You won't get the respect of the ANC by patronising them and grovelling at their feet." David Dalling, MP, took pre-

cisely the opposite view, proposing that the party form a working group with the ANC with a view to a limited pact. "Past differences are acknowledged, but they must be overcome and put aside. If we declare the ANC to be our enemies then we are writing ourselves out of the political future."

Mr Dalling rejected an alliance with the Nationalists, which he said would cut off the party from the mainstream of black politics, and contemptuously dismissed the "middle ground" option. "To attempt to play the role of an independent watchdog over lib-



De Beer: not sure of ANC

THE dismantling of apartheid has burg inner-city constituency, said eral values would relegate our the Democrats should regard the position in a short time to that of a disgruntled spectator, without support, growling irately and impotently at the new black govern-ment from the sidelines." He had difficulty in persuading delegates that the ANC shared their commitment to a free press, but

> joint working group. Dr de Beer set the tone of the congress in an opening address, in which he said the past year had been turbulent, fascinating and terrifying. "To have been a political leader has been like walking through an earthquake. The ground has constantly heaved and

earned applause for the idea of a

shifted beneath our feet." Government officials said meanwhile that the dates for Mr de Klerk's visit to Washington have not been finalised, but that it was likely to be a three-day visit from September 23. Mr de Klerk with have a working lunch with President Bush, but it is uncertain whether he will be received by congressional leaders on Capitol

Plans for the visit in June were dropped because of controversy over the fact it would have preceded an American tour by Nelson Mandela, the deputy president of the African National Congress.

Soweto toll: Five people died in Soweto on Thursday night, three of them at a police station where they had fled for safety after being assaulted. In all, the day's death toll from black violence was 15.

A Soweto police spokesman said one victim died in an apparently random attack, shot by occupants of a minibus cruising through the Naledi area; three were assaulted in their homes or in the streets, apparently by the same gang and died at the Jabulani police station, and the fifth victim was a man set on fire near a workers' hostel in the Merafe district. (Reuter)

'Two plus four' talks wound up

From ANNE McELVOY IN EAST BERLIN

THE final round of "two plus four" talks on the external aspects of German unification ended in East Berlin yesterday after a twoday delay caused by Soviet unease on the status of its troops after unity and the timing of their pullout from East Germany.

Officials said that a time limit on the ending of allied rights over Berlin and a deadline for the withdrawal of the 360,000 Soviet troops had yet to be decided.

Bonn is known to have disagreed with the amount of financial compensation requested by Moscow to build housing for its returning forces. Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, yesterday telephoned President Gorbachev for further discussions and also invited him and President Bush to take part in unification celebrations in Berlin on October 3.

The delegations of the two Germanies and the four allied powers were meeting to prepare the final unification treaty to be signed by the six foreign ministers in Moscow next week. Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German foreign minister, said yesterday he was confident that the signing would proceed on time.

East Germany's interior minister, Peter Diestel, said the screening of politicians for links with the Stasi, the former state security service, would have to continue after unification. With 144 East German MPs due to move into the Bundestag in Bonn, Herr Diestel said some may have slipped through the screening process. His comments came after the committee responsible for the dissolution of the Stasi admitted that estimates of the number of part-time informants at 100,000 had been far too low. "We now believe that some 500,000 people were active," its chairman Gunther Eichhorn said yesterday.

regime arrests opposition leaders From Neil Kelly IN BANGKOK

BURMESE authorities yesterday arrested the two men who have been leading opposition to military rule since the official leader, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, was put under house arrest 14 months ago. Former colonel Kyi Maung and U Chit Khine led the National League for Democracy through elections last May when the party scored an overwhelming victory.

Rangoon radio said the two men had been charged with passing on state information to "unconcerned persons". Four other party officials were arrested in Mandalay and charged with forging news reports, a reference to an incident last month in which two monks and two students were reported to have been killed by soldiers during a democracy march in Mandalay. The authorities denied the report but Burmese lawyers and foreign diplomats said that evidence from witnesses

was overwhelming. Rangoon-based diplomats said the arrests made further mockery of the elections and that they were a pre-emptive move to silence increasing demands for a handover of power to the elected politicians. Recent statements by officials have revealed their fears that democratic forces may be contemplating another uprising against military rule, similar to demonstrations which the army

crushed with great loss of life in Kyi Maung and U Chit Khine have been trying to persuade radical sections of the league to be patient about a transfer of power, but demands within the party for action to force the military's hand are growing. Military leaders have even refused to talk seriously to the league. General Saw Maung, leader of the regime, said he had refused to meet the league because it was not united. He also said a constitution must be drafted before parliament met. The league has had a draft constitution ready for months but is not permitted to

The arrests will further weaken the league's leadership as about 500 key party officials are now in detention. Kyi Maung, aged 72, was a member of General Ne Win's junta after the army seized power in 1962 but he quickly fell out with the general, who imprisoned him three times. He joined the democracy movement in 1988 and established close ties with Daw Suu Kyi.

The military government recently offered to release Daw Sun Kyi from house arrest if she went into exile. Officials of the league said on Thursday that there was no question of her accepting the government's terms. Diplomats said the offer was in line with other statements by the military leaders, who were sensitive to international protests about their treatment of her.

Rangoon residents said by telephone last night that the latest moves against the opposition were making a tense situation even more threatening. They said it would get worse as several special dates drew near.

The Burmeşe regard tomorrow as an auspicious date for heroic deeds as it contains many lucky nines. The league fixed September 15 for the first meeting of the elected parliament but the army says it will use force to stop MPs from assembling. September 18, the second anniversary of the army coup, may also bring people on to the streets and into conflict with the army. Army units which were particularly brutal in the 1988 demonstrations have been brought back to Rangoon.

Dissidents who have been hiding on the Thai-Burmese border say they will send their troops to cities and towns to protect people against army attacks. They have prepared refugee areas on the border for people forced to flee. Buddhist monks, who have

always been in the forefront of the democracy campaign, are also preparing for trouble. The hierarchy of Burmese Buddhism, the Sangha, has been holding special meetings in Rangoon this week and in Mandalay monks said they would conduct no more religious ceremonies attended by military personnel. A Western diplomat said this decision amounted to "excommunication of the army".

Trabi machismo brings death to East German roads said. Other disastrous East Ger-

From ANNE McELVOY IN EAST BERLIN

UNSUSPECTING West German motorists driving their Mercedes on the bumpy roads of the East are facing a new and dangerous problem as their country cousins adapt to fast-track capitalism: Trabi Machismo is the latest threat to social harmony in the soon to be unified Germany.

Doubtless inspired by the recent acceleration of unity, East Germans are apparently driving more aggressively than in the more measured days of socialism.

As production of the two-stroke Trabant ceases in East Germany, death on the roads has risen by 74 percent in the first nine months of this year and there has been a 50 per cent rise in accidents across the country, it was revealed yes-

terday. The authorities in Wiesbaden in West Germany have also recorded a 30 per cent rise in motorway accidents which they diplomatically say is "linked to some degree" to the arrival of East German drivers on West German

Peter Riedel, the chief superintendent of East Berlin's transport police, has roundly scolded his compatriots for allowing "good-natured Trabi pride" to degenerate into a war on the roads with Western drivers.

Herr Riedel cited cases of East Germans trying to burn off Mercedes at traffic lights - the result, exploding gear boxes - and driving in nose-to-tail convoy at 90mph on the autobahns. "All this in a car whose brakes are not its salient feature." he said. "The body work of a Trabant is so

fragile that it flies apart on the slightest impact."

In East Berlin the authorities, worried by the growing recklessness of drivers, are lighting attempts by the West Berlin senate to introduce higher speed limits and liberal alcohol restrictions in the eastern part of the city after unification on October 3.

Even those who have forsaken the trusted Trabi for a Western car are proving a hability. Herr Riedel has complained that new owners of Western models were driving their cars too fast to control them. and often crashed their prize acquisitions within hours of buying them.

They are used to driving tiny cars with inadequate motor power, so when they get behind the wheel of a good one, they still stamp the accelerator down," he

man habits include the "socialist right turn", turning right on a red light, allowed in the East but banned in the West, and drivers over-estimating their reaction speed and overtaking power.

One way or the other, many accidents are simply the result of GDR citizens showing off," Herr Riedel said. "These drivers are tomorrow's multiple-organ donors."

Meanwhile, the last Trabant has now clanked off the production line in Zwickau to scant regret as East German motorists desert their "little stinkers" in droves for the less subtle lure of the Westauto.

Since currency union with West Germany in July, East Germans have swamped second-hand dealers and it is now virtually impos-

sible to buy a used car in West Berlin. About 1,500 would-be buyers are being bussed to The Netherlands today by an enterprising salesman who has hired a football stadium in the border town of Enschede to sell Dutch cars to East Germans.

But a brave band of Trabant owners has refused to bow to the mighty Mercedes and formed a 'Trabi preservation league' whose main aim is to campaign against the car being outlawed over the next three years as environmentally damaging.

They are responsible for the spate of defiant stickers appearing in rear windows which read: People who drive Mercs are just too scared to drive Trabis"; and. more sentimentally: "We'll stay together until the TUF (MoT) us **Clifford Longley**

he Roman Catholic Church is finding it hard to recruit prison chaplains. Priests have not been volunteering in sufficient numbers, and there has recently been a special appeal for more. The shortfall is especially embarrassing for the Catholic community since Catholics make up far more than their share of guests of Her Majesty's prisons. Of the prison population, more than roughly double the proportion of the population at large.

Why criminality correlates so strikingly with the Catholic religion is a vexed question. An airing in *The Times* some years ago was followed by a conference of Catholic penologists. sociologists, theologians and others in search of explanations. The conference was organised by the late Hugh Kay, editor of the Jesuit magazine *The Month*, who was himself engaged in work with

prisoners and ex-prisoners.

Various plausible hypotheses emerged, but none could easily be tested. At least some of the theories put forward by practising Catholics were damaging to their church's good name, for they suggested that Catholicism - at least as it was taught to the generation in question — might have a tendency to cultivate a certain moral blindness.

The two most obvious explanations of the prison numbers do not hold water. The first is that the Catholic emphasis on private confession of sin followed by absolution tends to minimise guilt about wrong-doing: that if it is possible to sin one minute and be forgiven the next, conscience can quickly make light of any burden of guilt. This is a common enough caricature among non-Catholics, but the evidence does not support it. Regular private confession has declined so steeply in recent years that among working-class Catholic youth - the group most likely to end up in prison — it is virtually nonexistent.

The second fallacious theory is that Catholics make up more than their share of the section of the population from which criminals generally come because most are descended from poor Irish immigrants and are themselves generally poor. But Catholics are not excessively concentrated among the working class. On the contrary. theirs is the only church community which almost exactly mirrors the class composition of society at large, while the other churches tend to be over-represented among the middle classes.

Other indices of criminal or near-criminal deviance - prostitution and drug-taking, for instance - also tend to show an excessive number of Catholics, at least so Catholic social workers report on delinquency can be connected, statistically if not causally, with family breakdown, and Catholics - despite the emphasis on the sanctity of marriage - have by no means been immune from the one's own.

or anyone seeking a late summer break, now is an

Peru. Bring a light cardigan and

a hundredweight of noodles.

Western embassies warn against

travel outside a handful of main

towns, so you will find accom-

modation plentiful and ho-

You can pay for your hotel in

noodles. President Fujimori is

letting prices rip, hoping to cut

through the tangle left by his

predecessor, Alan Garcia, who

tried to fix prices and wages. He

also kept flamas in the presiden-

tial palace gardens. On one

occasion, at the opening of a

luxury hotel in a provincial

town, he threw the champagne

reception open to the entire

local populace. Officals

watched, helpless, as peasants

rushed in shovelled canapes

into the folds of their skirts, and

the price of noodles, the staple

diet of poorer Peruvians. One of

Fujimori's first acts, however,

was to deregulate noodle prices,

which promptly rose by 700 per

cent. Now noodles are as gold

dust. From this vantage point (I

am now in Bolivia) it is unclear

whether "Fujishock" is the end.

Millions of Indian peasants are

already near the breadline, or

noodleline. President Fujimori

emigrant to become president

of his adoptive country, and

during the election campaign he

hinted that he could get aid

from the country of his an-

cestors. For one photo-opportu-

nity he contrived to entertain

the lapanese ambassador to a

Vsked by sournalists whether he

felt more Peruvian than Japa-

nese, he replied that he was as

he smiled, pointing to his face.

Maybe. For a country keen to

show its willingness to pull its

weight in the world, to rescue

Peru from terrorism would be a

shrewd move. The cost, though

substantial, is a drop in the

ocean of Third World need.

Peruvian as they were, "But,"

"these eves will help".

Japanese lea ceremony

Fujimore is the first Japanese

needs help.

the beginning for Peru.

But Garcia never dared raise

rushed out carrying bottles.

teliers delighted to see you.

excellent time to visit

tidal wave of divorce in Britain. But this is certainly not an especially Catholic problem.

A third theory, which can be bracketed with these two, is helpful as an indication of attitudes, though it is not an explanation. This is the theory that the Catholic church stresses that everyone is a sinner, so that middle-class respectability is less expected as an implied condition of membership than it is in other churches. The idea is that the Catholic church consequently has less tendency to restrain criminal

But statistics are a minefield of surprises. Catholics constitute nearly a quarter of the prison population, but this does not necessarily mean they are more observer has suggested that Catholics make poor criminals and are therefore more likely to be caught or to own up.

Again, one feature of drug addiction is that it is often selfdestructive, for psychological reasons, and many drug addicts die from overdoses, intentional or otherwise. If two of an initial sample of 20 drug addicts are Catholic treflecting their proporand if ten of the other 18 commit suicide sooner or later but the two Catholics do not (for religious reasons), then the Catholic proportion of those remaining rises from 10 to 20 per cent.

Yet it is unlikely that every instance of Catholic over-representation among deviant groups can be explained in terms of such statistical quirks. What distinguishes Catholics who commit crime appears to be a general social inadequacy, a failure to cope, rather than an overt prefcrence for evil over good. People in this group are not good at anything crime included. Crime is sometimes the only solution to a problem which they would otherwise consider insoluble. On the whole. Catholic crimes tend to be victimless, self-destructive and petty. With a more enlightened penal policy, many of these people would not be in prison at all.

These are kindly explanations of a most disturbing and persistent phenomenon. Hugh Kay, a great and saintly man and a devout Catholic, did not accept them; no could his concern be bought off with the reassurance that the church knows how to make saints as well as sinners. For him, there was a hidden worm in the heart of the Catholic apple, something distressingly wrong about the way t goes about the moral formation of the faithful and how it treats, sin. Neither he nor any other expert could precisely define what exactly is wrong, but it may not be unconnected with the sense that for this Catholic underclass, the imposed from outside and above. There is still in British Catholi-

cism a sense of being excluded and rules are never quite as binding as

of giving a little bit of aid to

many hopeless nations. Japan

could concentrate on one: and

make a newsworthy difference:

a graphic illustration of benefi-

cence. For this would be a

"story": a boy from a Japanese

emigrant family makes good.

halfway across the world, and

turns back to the land of his

Peru is a friendly place and a

grown-up nation. It has re-

sources, a proud history and

much sophistication, even

Yankees, as they used to, Peru

leaves violently confused im-

ages, often bizarre. Cuzco cathedral has a great "Last Supper"

in oils, many centuries old, in

the traditional style - except

that Christ is eating not bread.

but a guineapig.

The evening before leaving Cuzco, I looked into the nearby

Church of Santa Merced. In the

darkness one could see nothing

save one corner, where a huge

solid silver cross glinted, sur-

rounded by Indians all trying to

touch it. An old woman had

clawed her way to the front, and

with arm outstretched, pressed

her fingers onto the base of the

cross. When I left, she was still

there, motionless, eyes wide

On the train towards Bolivia

the next day, I saw an elderly

man, clambering to a free ride

between the carriages, his

belongings in a sack. He fell.

jerking his body off the rails

inches alread of the roiling

carriage wheel. A woman

helped him to his feet, and he

stood with his bundle, smiling

market, technically on the

Bolivian side of the frontier.

with police turning a blind eye.

Indian women were running.

dozens of them, towards the

Peruvian side, dragging huge

plastic bags. They were full of noodles. At Bolivan prices.

These were the new breed of

By Lake Titicaca, we saw a

sadly and shaking his head

with adoration.

ancestors for support.

...and moreover

Matthew Parris

Conor Cruise O'Brien on Israel's complex role in Muslim resentment of the West

Keen pupils of our own prejudice

uslim resentment of the West is often attributed especially in Europe - to the results of American support for Israel. In reality, the resentment was well established long before the Zionist enterprise began. We need not go back to the Crusades, although the Crusades are frequently evoked these days in Muslim polemics against the American build-up in Saudi Arabia and the Western blockade of Irag. In its modern form resentment of Western technological, economic and military

superiority - this bitterness is at

least 150 years old. In the 1830s, a Muslim thinker wrote: "After a while Islam became strangely weak, a piece of whiteness surrounded by the blackness of its enemies. It was as if God had absented Himself, leaving it to face the most severe troubles." That was written 50 years before the first rumblings of political Zionism were heard on university campuses in the Russian Empire, after the anti-Jewish pogroms that followed the assassination of Tsar Alexander IIL

In Islamic theology, the "white-

ness" of which that Muslim wrote is called the House of Islam. The surrounding "blackness" is the House of War, the lands held by the infidels. The House of Islam is promised victory over the House of War, for Islam is a triumphalist religion, not just spiritually but in terrestrial and territorial terms. Whatever their rulers may say and do, the pious Muslim masses of the Middle East see the Gulf confrontation as the House of War on the march against the House of Islam: a horrible inversion of the

rightful order of things.

Israel is seen as a salient of the House of War into the House of Islam: a black wedge driven into the white heartland. This alone ensures that most of the time, Israel is foremost in the hierarchy of Muslim resentments. But the United States and Britain have been moving up and are now more or less on a par with Israel. Although resented, Israel is seen as vulnerable: militarily for-

midable, as Muslims know to their cost, but capable of being politically and psychologically isolated. Those manning the salient enjoy less than unwavering support from

Israel find a ready audience, and so are an effective way to express a resentment that extends to the West as a whole.

Historically, Islam was never as

hostile to Jews as Christianity once was. In Muslim lands, Jews had the same status as Christians: second-class people who were tolerated if they respected the rules laid down for them by their Muslim masters. But in Palestine at the end of the 19th century this began to change. The virulent anti-Semitism then raging in several European countries began to com-municate itself to Muslims. This was partly a result of the progress of the Zionist enterprise, but it was largely the result of the interpretation of that enterprise by European anti-Semites living and teaching in Palestine.

Around the turn of the century the French Catholic teaching orders were especially zealous transmitters of European anti-Western education imbibed along with it copious draughts of anti-

the main body. Complaints against the West in general fall on deaf ears, but complaints against Christians were not slow in passing on the message to their Muslim brothers, after the revolution in

the Ottoman Empire in July 1908.
The most notable product of that revolution was the emergence, for a time, of a free press, including an Arabic-language press. Christian Arabs, who had almost a monopoly of education, ran and wrote the new newspapers, and used them to dissentinate Arab nationalism and an anti-Zionism inseparable from European-type anti-Semitism.

Few Arabs could read the new ewspapers, but in most villages there was someone who could read them to his neighbours. It was easy to understand a picture of a noble-looking Saladin with a scimitar confronting a decrepit old Jew with a money bag. In these ways, and under local symbols, the European strand of anti-Semitism became domesticated in the Middle East. There it continues to flourish, long after European anti-Semitism became discredited, or learned to camouflage itself.
In Palestine after the first world

war, anti-Semitism received strong reinforcement from the British army during the early, military government phase of the British Mandate. The officers detested the Balfour Declaration, saying that Palestine had not been conquered just to be handed over to the Jews. Some were openly and crudely anti-Semitic. All of them were anti-Zionist.

You don't have to be auti-Semitic to be anti-Zionist, but it

helps.
The Gulf confrontation i leading to a growing awareness in the West that Muslim resemment is not only of Israel, nor likely to be appeased by an Israeli with-drawal from the West Bank and Gaza, nor even by Israel's extinction. The West can also see that the rulers of Muslim lands are prepared to co-operate with the West, ignore the resentment of their subjects, and forget about Israel, whenever this satisfies their

hostility towards Arab rivals. However the present crisis is resolved, its long-term results are likely to include a more sophisticated approach to the Middle East. It's about time.

Not just an exclusion zone: the foundation of freedom

ownership are the staples of English conversation. Two years ago we had to endure the machismo of those earning more from spiralling house prices than from their salaries; now we hear of the fading passion of those whose property is mortgaged for more than its still-falling market

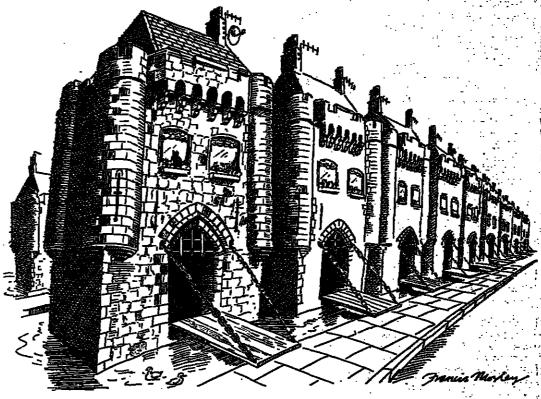
Meanwhile, the great circus rolls on: the agents, solicitors and surveyors; the conveyancing, gazumping and gazundering; the injustices of rates or the poll tax; the iniquities of plumbers, decorators and roofing cowboys ... Why do we bother? Why do we not live happily in rented flats, or devise a form of tenure to match the American condominium?

Investment potential alone does not explain the cult status that house ownership occupies in the imaginations of the English: it has much older and more emo-tional roots. Not only do the English wish to own rather than rent, they own with a peculiar relish, and take a special delight in bricks and mortar which no financial asset of equal value could ever give.

"An Englishman's home is his castle." This resounding phrase still echoes in our society, however much it might sound like a grandiloquent boast by Gilbert and Sullivan or an atavistic insight of Kipling's. It is too easy to dismiss it as brag, one of those fake Victorian values that disguised the majority's real-life experience of landlords and tenements. But however far the reality fell short of the ideal, the historical antecedents of this ringing declaration are powerful enough.

Its author was that redoubtable champion of the common law and foe of arbitrary Stuart rule, Lord Chief Justice Sir Edward Coke (1552-1634). He was making a technical comment on the law of property. The English élite's idolatry of the common law had much to do with the security it offered to private property - a security then almost unique in Europe.

Seventeenth and 18th-century patrician Englishmen read their property-centred notions of freedom back into the Anglo-Saxon past and created the myth of the sturdy treeholder. They exaggerated rather than misrepre-



Jonathan Clark traces the English obsession with home ownership to a centuries-old desire for independence

sented: the term "freeholder" goes back to 1425 at least. Dr Johnson was clear in defining freehold land ("held by far better conditions, and by the better sort of tenants, as noblemen and gentlemen"), as opposed to land held by villenage. commonly in the possession of clowns, being that which we now call at the will of the lord",

Freehold long preceded capitalism or economic individualism: it was devised in England some time between Domesday Book and the reign of Henry II. The forms of free tenure almost all called for military or ceremonial services by the free tenant to his lord, rather than money payment or manual labour. So freehold began to be considered more honourable than any other form of tenure: security meant independence; dependence meant servility and dishonour.

A whole set of terms came to resonate with "freeholder": freeman, freeborn, freemason, freelance, freethinker. All could be traced back not just to the amount of wealth, but to its form. Freehold land was the ideal. The 17thorthodoxy, expressed century even by Cromwell in the army debates at Putney in 1647, excluded from the franchise servants and those in receipt of alms: by definition, they were not free but dependent. For the same reason, jury service was long the preserve of householders.

English political attitudes in the 17th and 18th centuries embraced a set of attitudes now known to scholars as civic humanism. Only those with a stake in the country could be trusted: the moneyed interest could easily disappear abroad in a crisis, but the freeholder would stand and fight to defend both his property and English liberties. What was good for freeholders was good for the

nation So political status long depended on the form of tenure. The Act of 1430 that restricted the

freeholds worth at least 40 shillings a year remained in force until the Reform Act of 1832. and affirmed the close link between economic independence and political trustworthiness. The ideal citizen was a freeholder. Proposals for universal suffrage were rare.

Delight in ownership spanned the political spectrum. The Tory Samuel Johnson, defining "free hold" in his Dictionary, quoted the Whig Joseph Addison: "There is an unspeakable pleasure in calling any thing one's own: a freehold, though it be but in ice and snow, will make the owner pleased in possession, and stout in the defence of it."

Exactly the same relish is felt by English property owners today. They experience more than the ordinary pleasure of possession freehold has a special ring to it. The English still relate to their houses in a unique way.

ioo. If the English thought that the health of the state was dependent on the virtues of its citizens, those virtues were normally regarded as private ones, not an unselfish, unrewarded shouldering of public of collective duties, but the harm-lessly limited horizons of hearth and home. This distinction between the contentedly domestic and the restlessly public character closely paralleled the distinction between the "respectable" and the "unrespectable" working classes.

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ome in the intelligentsia have always condemned economic advance (de-nounced as "luxury") on the grounds that it enables ordinary people to withdraw from a public world of shared goods and collective virtue into the newlysufficient private sphere. Opposition to the sale of council houses in our own day is only the most recent manifestation of this. The critics have a point not only yuppies believe in cheap government and prefer to shut their doors on the world: large numbers of the marginally mobile use their smaller wealth to buy privacy too.

English social life is still characterised by the high value placed on privacy. Cafe and salon society never developed here Even the institutionalised collectivism of clubs and colleges has faded. In personal relations. Englishmen are inhibited not so much by shyness as by a desire not to intrude on each other's private space: even a handshake feels intrusive. The English character is well guarded; behind superficial courtesy, a locked front door bars access to the true self

Privacy, political liberty, personal independence and self-esteem form a heady mix. Happy the society in which status can be expressed in more mobile goods. whether Cadillacs or camels. The English are so locked into the nexus of home ownership that it is idle to speculate whether this is a -good thing. Only one outcome seems realistic when the level of home ownership nears 100 per cent, perhaps it will cease to be a definer of status. Then we can stop gilding our cages and begin to distance ourselves from this most central of our possessions.

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among the poor. Its people are worried to distraction about Chocks away what is happening to their country. Peasants anxiously ask for Walton you what you think should be done. They do not blame the

William Walton for war-▼ 1 time morale-boosting films is at last to get a rehearing as part of next week's celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

After the war Walton was adamant that the compositions. for The Next of Kin. The Foreman went to France and about a dozen other films, should never be played again. But his Argentineborn widow. Susana, has agreed that the ban can now be lifted.

Speaking yesterday from her home on the Italian island of Ischia, she said: "The films were made to show how courageous the British were. When William was alive he did not want the music played again because he felt it would be out of context. Now the war is all but forgotten, and I am sure he would be happy for the works to be revived."

Collated under the title "Wartime Scrapbook", they will receive their first public performance next Soturday at the Barbican, which rose years later out of the debris of one of the most heavily blitzed areas of London. The BBC Concert Orchestra, conducted by Sir David Willcocks, will also play Walton's "Spittire Fugue" and unused sections of the score he wrote for the film The Battle of Britain which were only recently rediscovered and have not pub-

liely been heard before. Lady Walton is flying to Britain specially for what she calls "this poignant occasion". The concert will be introduced by Michael Bentine, an RAF pilot during the

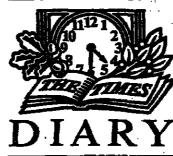
war, and will be recorded for BBC broadcast around Armistice Day. Do the works merit revival? "It's hard to tell." says broadcaster and composer John Amis. "When a great composer dies, people

scrabble around looking for every little bit of unknown work. It happened to Benjamin Britten: some of what they found was very good and some quite poor. Valton wrote some of the greatest film music ever, for Henry V and Hamlet, so the standard should be high. The musical world is looking forward with anticipation.

Believe it or not Tovelist D.M. Thomas con-

tinues to nurse a grudge against the Gloucestershire clairvoyant who 15 years ago predicted that he would die in California. Although he insists that he is "only slightly super-stitious". he has studiously avoided crossing the state line into the land of sunshine, surfers and celluloid make-believe. "It's the place I have always wanted to go. My parents lived there when they were young and I have a sister there. But I feel that if I go there the prophecy will be self-fulfilling. that in my anxiety I shall die from a heart attack,"

The self-imposed ban has cost Thomas dearly. He has turned down lucrative speaking engagements at Stanford University and in San Francisco. "When The White Hotel won The Los Angeles Times fiction prize they offered me a first-class ticket and an allexpenses-paid trip. I said no. My sister Lois collected it and I sent a tape." Thomas says that had the prediction been that he would die in London he would ignore it, because that is one place to which



he simply has to go. "I shall probably keel over miles away from California in a restaurant called Beverley Hills."

• The death of A.J.P. Taylor prompts Lord Beloff to recall an alternoon some years ago when he and the eminent historian sat a mock common entrance exam at Westminster School. "Alan and I weren't very good at it, particularly mathematics," says the 77-year-old Beloff. "Jilly Cooper and Joanna Lumley also sat the exam. and the papers were marked by the headmaster, John Rae," Taylor was highly amused that Miss Lumley achieved the highest marks, leaving the two academics trailing in her intellectual wake.

Knight must fall

Tot content with arrogating to himself the title Al-Fraris Al-Arabi, "the knight of Arabia", earlier this year. Saddam Hussein ordered the destruction of a statue bearing the same name. One of the most famous in Baghdad, it stood at the entrance to the city's international fairground. Another statue has now gone up in its place - a 30 ft bronze of Saddam complete with familiar beret and revolver, set in

one-acre site adorned with flowerbeds, fountains and floodlights. Rumour also has it that owners of shops and restaurants called Al-Fraris Al-Arabi have been told to change their names so that Baathist party lore can insist that although there may have been a thousand and one Arabian nights, there is only one Arabian



Squeezed out

ne explanation of the unpopularity of Michael Forsyth among Scottish Tories may lie in his choice of pets. Forsyth, who resigned yesterday as Scottish Tory chairman, is the proud owner of several pythons. He bought the first several years ago and it has since become part of the family, along with the offspring which it immediately produced. They hold pride of place in a glass tank in the children's nursery at the familyhome at Aberfoyle, near Stirling Forsyth's two children feed thern live mice which are kept in a cage above. Friends who yesterday confirmed the existence of the pythous denied suggestions that one has been named Rifkind after the Scottish secretary of state with whom Forsyth is said to have less than cordial relations.

Carey me back

hat better fate to befall the next Archbishop of Canterbury than to be stranded in the Holy Land? Conscious that he will have little time for recreation when he takes up his new post, Dr George Carey has been enjoying a three-week break in Israel with his wife Eileen and 40 of his Bath and Wells flock. White the rest of the world's interest in the Middle East has concerned chemical weapon attacks and doom suits. Dr Carey has been peering at its ancient Christian monuments. He was due home yesterday morning but because of a technical fault the plane had not even left London yesterday afternoon. Virgin boss. Richard Branson will not be asked to arrange a rescue flight.

Last with the news

espite extensive radio and TV coverage, the demise of the SDP has not registered on-some BBC employees. After five months winding up the party's affairs. Tim Rycroft general secretary, yesterday received a letter from the BBC asking for an-SDP conference agenda. BBC film and videotape library produce a detailed subject, calalogue of each year's conference. and the agenda is an extremely useful reference tool," it says: Not only has the conference beencancelled: yesterday Rycroft's job. also became extinct.

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The "working meeting" in Helsinki tomorrow between President Bush and President Gorbachev will bear more directly and immediately on peace in the world than have any of their formal summits. Should their unity in opposing Iraqi aggression falter, or even be seen to falter, the odds on war in the Gulf will shorten, perhaps decisively. The Americans have consistently sought to make stopping Iraq a joint venture. The strength of Mr Gorbachev's claim to "full partnership" with the United States will be tested by his readiness to give Mr Bush firm support in the international alliance the

American president has been seeking to forge. Nothing like this international solidarity has been seen since 1945. The Soviet Union could not, in its weakened state, stop the United States from acting unilaterally in the Gulf (which there is no evidence President Bush wishes to do), but it could; by weakening the coalition, bring closer the prospect that force will have to be used, even without the express authorisation of the UN Security Council But that would be in nobody's interest, least of all Moscow's. If Iraq refuses to bow to UN resolutions and withdraw from Kuwait, the choice is between forcing it out of Kuwait militarily, or accepting, perhaps definitively, that collective security cannot deter aggression.

Since invading Kuwait, Iraq's diplomacy has been exclusively devoted to dividing the Arab world, the United Nations and the superpowers. So far, President Saddam Hussein has failed in his efforts to present the conflict not as Iraq versus the world, but Iraq versus the United States; but should Soviet support for a policy of no compromise weaken, he would consider himself within sight of that goal. For the same reason, Mr Bush cannot accept any formal Soviet role as "mediator", since that would also reinforce Iraq's claim that the issue was between Baghdad and Washington.

Sanctions are a double-edged weapon. If the super-powers blink, Iraq will stay in Kuwait, draw on its ample grain stores while intensifying its efforts to persuade Iran (and Arab neighbours) of the inhumanity of "letting Iraqi children starve". It will then wait for Western and Arab resolve to weaken. Were the Soviet Union's known desire for a diplomatic solution seen in Baghdad as a possible first step to a veto against further UN authority for military action, Saddam would be encouraged to bluff it out. This week's hasty visit to

Moscow by Iraq's foreign minister, Tariq Aziz reflects Iraq's anxiety to shift the Soviet Union's stance at least to that of semi-detached observer.

Mr Aziz sought Soviet support for Iraq's demand that the Security Council link all conflicts in the region to any (unspecified) Iraqi concessions over Kuwait. Despite the Soviet Union's long-standing support for a Middle East peace conference, this proposal was dismissed as a ruse aimed at buying time. Mr Aziz was reminded that Iraq's aggression was "top of the agenda". Having extracted from Mr Aziz a public statement that Soviet advisers in Iraq are free to leave - enabling Mr Gorbachev to announce their withdrawal at the Helsinki talks - Mr Aziz's suggestion that he return next week was tartly rebuffed.

Mr Gorbachev's support is unlikely, however, to be unconditional. Iraq's invasion comes at a difficult moment in Soviet relations with the Arab world, where reductions in aid to countries such as Syria and emigration by Soviet Jews have both been ill-received. The Soviet Union's courage in jettisoning its traditional policies and allies in the Middle East gives Mr Gorbachev the right to ask Mr Bush for assurances that the American presence in no way repeats old super-power rivalry in the region. He will also raise the urgency of solving the Palestinian problem, albeit without giving comfort to Saddam.

That is a a difficult trick to pull off, made harder by the Palestinians' open support for Iraq's aggression. The best approach would be a pledge of super-power cooperation in promoting future security in the region, after Iraq's withdrawal has been secured. Mr Gorbachev would gain considerable kudos were Mr Bush to agree to start planning for a force to maintain regional deterrence, either under a UN flag or "coordinated" by the five permanent members through the UN's military staff committee - a body the Soviet Union

has been pressing for some years to reactivate. America has been lukewarm towards such coordination, but to explore the scope for it would be a small concession in a large cause. Helsinki must bring home to Saddam that in this test of the principle that aggression must not pay, there are no differing nuances to exploit. At this critical point in the construction of a post Cold War order, the superpowers must not flinch.

THE FORSYTH SAGA

The Scottish Conservative Party has a mere ten parliamentary seats. According to the current state of the polls half even of these are at risk. In such precarious circumstances, the presence of one of the least Thatcherite members of the cabinet, Malcom Rifkind, as secretary of state for Scotland represented the prime minister's tactical recognition that the Thatcherisation of Scotland was no longer opportune — if ever it was. The appointment instead of one of her staunchest supporters, Michael Forsyth, as Scottish party chairman indicated her judgment that before spreading her gospel to the country it had first to be preached to the party.

The dangers in this dual approach were obvious and soon surfaced. Mrs. Thatcher yesterday paid the humiliating price of having to replace Mr Forsyth as chairman by Lord Sanderson of Bowden. The ill-concealed conflict between Mr Rifkind and Mr Forsyth or their respective champions - was making such a noise in Scottish Tory politics that it was frustrating both Mr Rifkind's role as conciliatory satrap and Mr Forsyth's missionary zeal.

Throughout this administration, politics north of the border has tended to look to the Scots like Sassenach colonialism. The Scottish Labour party has succeeded in portraying Thatcherism as an alien English idea, aided by the cabinet's astonishing ineptitude of imposing the poll tax on the Scots a year early "as an experiment". Had Mrs Thatcher paid attention to the application of her politics in Scotland including privatisation, industrial reconstruction and local government reform - she might by now be benefiting from a political return, Instead she is on a hiding to nothing.

She has found the Scottish Tory establishment incorrigible and, in their demand for Mr Forsyth's head as chairman, irresistible. They feared that driving the Scottish party further to almost certainly right. Politics in Scotland is a curious mirror image of politics in the south. Just as Labour has been forced to move towards the right in order to win friends in southern England, Scottish Conservatism has had to move leftwards towards the ground held in strength and depth by Labour. A Labour victory in the next election would look like a Scottish coup, such is their dominance of the Opposition front bench.

Scots Tory MPs are so small a group that Mrs Thatcher could not afford to neglect Mr Forsyth's talents altogether. She clearly admires his street-fighting ability. In compensation for losing the party chairmanship, therefore, and to preserve the façade that everything is for the best, Mr Forsyth has been moved one step up the ministerial ladder in the Scottish Office, from undersecretary to minister of state.

Whether this will improve Tory fortunes north of the border is doubtful. The nub of the complaints against Mr Forsyth were of his alleged undermining of Mr Rifkind's position as secretary of state. It is hard to see how promoting him within the department, and thus raising his status under Mr Rifkind, will send out a message that Mr Rifkind still has her fullest confidence. It is more likely to compound her problem rather than solve it.

The Tory problem in Scotland, and in Wales and Northern Ireland, is deep, rooted in a total lack of sympathy for regional sentiment and near-fanatical pursuit of centralisation. In England, this has been compensated by privatisation. In Scotland, the corporatist tradition lives on, replicated in the Scottish Office and its quangos, its subsidies and its patronage. When times are hard, as now they are becoming, London offers an easy target for regional dismay. In the Forsyth saga, Mrs

nearer. The ultimate computer is not some Orwell-plus contraption that replaces humans altogether. Rather it is an Orwell-minus contraption that specialises in two related areas: doing everything we could do for ourselves and a few things we would prefer not to be done at all.

Ultima, she might be called. Ultima will be small and compact and mains or battery operated (plugs and batteries not supplied). Ultima will be durable and mobile (but keep away from children). While milking cows, Ultima will play chess too well, wash up while caddying for golfers, then mow the lawn and clean the car simultaneously.

For office use, she will have a built-in coffee machine (which does not take the new five pence piece) and an inbuilt photocopying function which so closely resembles the existing equipment that she can be guaranteed to jam every time she is faced with a document marked urgent. She will run out of materials on a rota basis: today paper, tomorrow ink. When she goes wrong she will flash signs which are either incomprehensible or so expressed as to imply that the user is a complete idiot. Her operating manual will have been translated

from Japanese by another computer. Ultima will be something less than the sum of her parts, all of which exist already in the buy-by-mail supplements that fall out of the

themselves in the workshops of people who regard necessity as the last mother invention

They are the synchronised swimmers of science, clever but pointless. They have enabled everything to plug into a car's cigar lighter, but still not come up with a car battery that can take the load. They invented the electric carving knife. They boast of their washing-up machines: "Of course, the secret is to wash the stuff off first."

These glories, like the robot milkmaid, are not progress. Like Victorian contraptions for cleaning moustaches, they are obsolete at the moment of conception. The trouble with milk lies not in the efficency of its extraction from the cow, but in the amount extracted. If the robot milkmaid is more efficient than the buxom wench of legend, then that is a conclusive argument against the former and in favour of the latter. Would French farmers put out the tricolours for British lamb if they knew that the shepherd was made of aluminium? A robot to reduce food surpluses would be worth its weight in gold, but remains uninvented. K-9 may have boosted the Dr Who ratings, but that does not mean the BBC should expect us to sit down of a Sunday evening in front of One Man and his Border Robot.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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countries themselves, non-Arab

minorities like Kurds in Iraq.

Berbers in North Africa or Nilotic

Egyptians would count for no

more than would Europeans or

Even worse, "an Islamic sol-

ution", which has also been

mooted, would imply a world-wide political edifice of Muslim,

Christian. Buddhist. Hindu and

other religious sectors, more

threatening even than ethnic par-

tition. The world is, as it has been

ever since the rise of the nation

state, organised in national, inter-

national and geographic regional

The concept of a regional solution of the Gulf problem makes sense, provided that it

brings in all major interests in the

region, including, of course, Israel

and countries with vital economic

and strategic interests there. An

Flat 1, 105 Lexham Gardens, W8,

Sir, Watching the House of Com-

mons debate on the Gulf ves-

terday, I was surprised to see so

many MPs, led by Edward Heath.

draw analogies between the United Nations decisions on Ku-

wait and on Israel's occupation of

folklore of the debate, it should be

pointed out that the operative UN

resolution, 242, requires not only

Israeli withdrawal, but also ter-

mination of all claims or states of

belligerency and respect for and acknowledgment of the sov-

creignty, territorial integrity and

political independence of every

state in the region and its right to

live in peace within secure and

nition of Israel by the Arab states

and an end to economic boycotts

and the rest of the paraphernalia

of hostility. It was indeed for this

very reason that the Syrian repre-

sentative, when invited to address

the Security Council in 1967, rejected 242, because it made

Israeli withdrawal conditional.

The UN, however, chose not to

Thus, if Israel is accused of rejecting 242, the Arab states are

equally guilty, in that they have failed to comply with the second

part of the resolution. Adherence

to international obligations is not

required of some states and not of

the mentality of MPs who, when

faced with a region containing

such tyrants as Saddam Hussein

and Gadaffi, persist in finding the

root of all evil in the Middle East

in the policies - or is it the

Sir. Having had some experience

of the area concerned, and in the

heat of high summer too. I found

your report this morning of the

conditions on the Iraq-Jordan

border brought back uncomfort-

able memories. Surely it is not

beyond the capabilities of the

international community to or-

ganise immediate and massive

relief, along the lines of the Ethiopian famine relief some

years ago, or do we need to ask Bob Geldof to do it for us?

Little Milton, Oxfordshire.

existence? - of Israel.

VERNON BOGDANOR.

Brasenose College, Oxford.

Voors faithfully

September 7.

l am &c., JAMES LUNT,

Hillton House.

September 4.

I find it difficult to understand

a unilateral requirement, to be

accept the Syrian point of view.

This would entail formal recog-

recognised boundaries.

Before this becomes part of the

Arab solution does not.

From Mr Vernon Bogdanor

the West Bank and Gaza.

Yours faithfully,

H. V. HODSON.

September 6.

Americans.

structures.

Efforts to combat Gulf aggression

From Mr Michael Chichester Sir. A multinational armada of warships is assembling in the Straits of Hormuz, the lower Gulf, and in the Red Sea to enforce UNmandated sanctions against Iraq. To be effective the operations of

this armada must be coordinated and controlled by force com-manders in each of these sea areas. Otherwise there will be costly and wasteful duplication of effort and individual units will be at risk due to lack of organised defence against possible Iraqi attacks. The danger of mistaken identity and consequent combat confusion whether at sea or in the air will be increased.

Only the United States has deployed balanced naval forces with their own integrated air support from aircraft carriers. Lacking such support all West European warships in the potential combat areas are vulnerable to air and missile attack.

Has the United States undertaken to provide air support and cover for West European naval units deployed in the Gulf and Red Sea? Should not West European naval forces already deployed be formed into a single force under a senior officer with a multinational staff to operate in defined areas and provided with a coordinate desence?

As providers of the two largest European naval contributions to sanctions enforcement Britain and France should take the initiative in the Western European Union to ensure that its naval forces are deployed in the most cost-elfective and secure manner.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL CHICHESTER, The Mead House, Taynton, Burford, Oxfordshire.

September 3.

From Mr H. V. Hodson Sir. Calls for "an Arab solution" in the Gulf come both from Iraq and from moderate and friendly countries like Jordan and Egypt. The idea is nonsense, and not only because the Arab nations are radically split on the issue at stake.

A "solution", however arrived at, must start either from the retreat and humiliation of Saddam Hussein or from United Nations surrender on the vital cause of Kuwait's national independence, full reparation and future security: one may be forgiven for suspecting that "an Arab solution" means surrender.

It is as a precedent that the idea is most nonsensical and ultimately dangerous. It implies that political, defensive and economic conflicts between nations should be categorised and settled in terms of ethnic interest. Thus countries as far off as Morocco would be involved in the Gulf affair, but no alone countries in Europe, North America and other continents. however closely they may be concerned on other grounds.

If the same formula were applied elsewhere, problems in Eastem Europe would call for "a Slav solution", in central and southern

Hostages' return Plight in the desert From Professor N. Kurti, FRS From Major-General J. D. Lunt

Sir, I have been sickened by the sight of women and children who bave just spent many hours in an aeroplane making their way slowly and painfully down the landing steps at Heathrow. Is there no official of BAA at

hand with the authority and the courage to overrule the demands of the media and the political propagandists and to insist on humanitarian grounds that passengers should disembark in the customary manner on the level using the raised walkways? Yours faithfully, N. KURTI.

Brasenose College, Oxford. September 7.

Until those responsible for cast-Type-cast actors From Mr Bernard Bresslaw

Sir, Your third leader (September 4) on the ethnic suitability of bane of actors and acting.

or a foolish Justice of the Peace".

mayor look like; or a sensible scientist; or a passionate painter. or a sober businessman? If the average director were casting a play featuring a dramatist, an essayist and a poet, it seems certain that Shakespeare, Johnson and Pope would all fail the first audition on appearance alone.

Sir, The British government failed to give the lead that might have been expected from it in the campaign to ban the trade in ivory (letters, August 27, September 3). I have before me a letter dated May 8, 1989, from the then Minister for the Environment, the Earl of Caithness, in which he says,

In a further letter dated June 27,

1989, the minister says that on May 23 he had "announced the Government's view that there was now a case for the transfer of the

ing have the wit and perception to see hevond their own prejudices, the craven process of type-casting will continue to impoverish our

original. He was a half-caste with bright blue eyes and a graduate of Oucensland University. He was known to his friends as "Bony". not "Boney" as your report im-

Yours faithfully, JOHN MANN. 25 Bark Hart Road. Orgington, Kent.

African elephant from Appendix

At a meeting of Cites in Switzerland in the following October this proposal was approved, as a result of which all trade in ivory was banned. (Since then, incidentally, and contrary to the minister's claim, the price of ivory

One wonders what occurred during the brief period between May 8 and 23, 1989, to make the government carry out such a remarkable volte face.

Windsor, Berkshire.

Golf course sites as rural threat

Africa for "a negro solution", in From the President of the Garden Ireland and Scotland for "a Gaelic History Society solution", and so on, In Arab

Sir, Attention has been drawn by John Young (report, September 4) to the number of current applications for golf courses in the countryside and to the fact that it is estimated that some 700 new courses could be needed by the year 2000. Given that golf is a healthy and popular sport and the development is arguably in keeping with green-belt principles, many of these applications will undoubtedly be permitted.

The report, however, states that conservationists are concerned about the siting of golf courses in environmentally sensitive areas. particularly as associated buildings are usually required. We consider that golf courses are totally inappropriate in historic landscapes. Fairways and bunkers sit ill in the smooth, elegant landscapes of Capability Brown.

There is an official register of parks and gardens of special historic interest and any applications for a golf course involving one of these important sites should be referred by the planning authorities to English Heritage to ensure that the course will not damage the designed landscape.

Yours faithfully, MAVIS BATEY, President, The Garden History Society, West House, 151 Barrack Lane, Aldwick, West Sussex. September 4.

From Mr Hugh Stovin Sir. Are we not most fortunate to have the opportunity to create enough golf courses for everyone to enjoy, when we have an ageing but affluent population who can look forward to a game that can be played into extreme old age?
A golf course uses far less

chemical fertiliser and far fewer pesticides than an equivalent area of farm land. The Nature Conservancy Council is encouraging a progressive attitude to the use of parts of golf courses for wild life, and this policy is being enthusiastically adopted by all the golf courses I know.

For golf to be economically viable, land has to be relatively

Cathedral aid From the Reverend Canon P. G. C. Brett

Sir, The Reverend Michael Lloyd (September 4) sadly is probably right in his suspicion "that average churcheoers would not put the preservation of ancient buildings as a high priority for the mission of the Church".

Yet, I would suggest, a building imbued with the worship of centuries, well preserved, lovingly used, bearing the marks of active religious life and presented with an eye to the appraisal of the casual visitor, is one of the most effective tools of mission that the Church has to hand. Witness many an example of an English country church which in evoking respect for its condition leads many to pause to reflect on what it stands for.

The scale of opportunity for mission on the part of a well maintained and well ordered cathedral is immense. Our cathedrals are major visitor attractions and of the millions who pass

enter Ely Cathedral because of the admission charge. In my not unrelated line of business in the arts. I frequently hear parents complaining about the cost of tuition, music, books, and other aids to a more interesting way of

about the cost of their cars, or holidays, or elaborate toys for the packets which litter our streets. Yours faithfully. EILEEN CRAINE,

Maths tuition

From Mrs Alison Wolf Sir, Mr Graham Searle (August 31) is quite correct. The difficulty of mathematics A level deters many students who might otherwise, at a later date, study technical and applied subjects such as engineering. It is also a major reason why so few adult returners are on scientific and technical

Many people, in their working lives, maintain or improve their general writing and analytical skills. Very few actually learn more mathematics than they knew on leaving formal education. People who want to retrain as, say, engineers will almost certainly, therefore, need to refresh and upgrade their mathematics. They will also find that the only free-

Pakistan tribunals

Sir. Your leader of August 31 expresses unfounded fears that the Pakistan government was contemplating treason charges against the former prime minister. The govemment has set up special tribunals for the accountability of holders of representative offices. These tribunals will look into charges of corruption and misuse

It is also incorrect to suggest that the recent changes in Pakistan

of authority.

Spiritual enterprise From Prebendary A. Talbot-**Ponsonby**

Sir. It comes as a surprise that my friend the Reverend Robert Grimley (September 1) should accept the role of "The Marketing Manager, St George's Church", as I have always understood that the clergy were in sales, not management - unless as marketing manager he wants the best of both

worlds. I remain, Sir, your obedient ANDREW TALBOT-

PONSONBY, Kimbolton Vicarage, Leominster. Herefordshire. September 1.

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cheap. The three periods of rapid

golf course development have been in the agricultural depression shortly after the repeal of the Corn Laws, the Great Depression during the late 1920s and early 1930s and now, when the efficiency of our farmers has made large areas

of farm land redundant. It is within living memory that large areas of farm land particularly in Essex were dereliet, overrun by rabbits and hawthorn scrub, with the farmers bankrupt and their buildings tumbling into ruin. Golf courses are surely better than that.

Yours sincerely, HUGH STOVIN (Director). Golf Centres Ltd., 17 Market Place,

Oundle, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

September 4. From Ms Carol Hatton

Sir, The Surrey Wildlife Trust has become increasingly worried by the number of golf course applica tions in Surrey over the last 18 months. The county currently has 66 golf courses and overall 36 outstanding planning proposals for courses and driving ranges.

Applications in the South-east have included valuable wildlife habitats including sites of special scientific interest and, in Surrey, even our own Trust nature reserves. The increase in the demand for acceptable green belt uses for surplus agricultural land also includes a meteoric rise in the number of requests to conduct war

In Surrey, the county council are urging the districts and boroughs to demand a detailed ecological assessment with every application as a first step towards securing positive environmental benefits from the recreational boom. However, national and regional guidance is necessary.

Yours sincerely. **CAROL HATTON** (Head of conservation), Surrey Wildlife Trust. The Old School, School Lane, Pirbrighե Woking, Surrey, September 5.

thousands for whom they repre-sent the state of the Christian Yours faithfully.

P. G. C. BRETT (Canon Residentiary: Canterbury Cathedral). 22 The Precincts. Canterbury, Kent. September 4.

From Mrs Eileen Craine Sir. I was sorry to read of the family in Mr Furze's letter (September 4) being unable to

I do not hear many complaints children, or generous pocket money for the drinks and crisp

through them each year there are 59 Crawford Street, W1. standing courses generally avail-

able are A levels. Students such as these do not

need a course designed for potential university mathematicians and physicists. Nor. unfortunately, are they going to be helped by the current DES notion of building "core skills" such as numeracy into other A levels. It would surely make sense to develop mathematics AS level for such students rather than insisting that AS should be as difficult as A

Yours faithfully ALISON WOLF. London University Institute of Education, Department of Mathematics, Statistics and Computing. 20 Bedford Way, WC1. September 3.

were brought about at the behest of the armed forces. The President has clearly stated that he was constrained to exercise his powers because of acts of omission and commission against the constitution and the deteriorating law and order situation. I may also reiterate that the

government is committed to hold elections on October 24 and that there are no plans to postpone these elections. Yours faithfully

KHALID M. SHAFI. High Commission for Pakistan. 35 Lowndes Square, SW1.

Source of the pouch

From Mr Roy McComish Sir. Professor MacGregor-Hastie (September 4) attributes the modern money pouch to the Scottish sporran. This cannot be true since generically the pouch, attached as it is to a waist belt, is the direct descendent surely of the timehonoured money belt worn firmly around the waist by international

ravellers for generations.

No, the Scottish sporran is unique, litted as it usually is to a chain worn loosely around the back of the waist and dropping downwards to the front of the kill level with the crutch. Try to do that with a money pouch, wearing jeans, and see how you get on! Yours sincerely.

ROY McCOMISH. 5 St Peter's Road. Oundle. Peterborough.

Cambridgeshire.

Thatcher's centralist chickens are coming the right at this stage in the present parliament actors touches on a practice which would be to invite electoral disaster. They are home to roost. is as old as theatre itself. Ever Yours sincerely BERNARD BRESSLAW, since the Greeks put on stereo-typed masks the unimaginative c/o Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2. From the Acting High Commissioner for Pakistan IRON MAIDS AMILKING habit of type-casting has been a In the 16th-century play, The From Mr John Mann The revelation in Thursday's Times that Sunday papers. Therein lay Ultima's ante-Return from Parnassus, the cedents. Ever since the United States patent Sir, Your report (September 4) on researchers at the Agricultural and Food character of Kempe, addressing Research Council are about to develop a robot casting a white as an Aboriginal office shook hands with the inventor of the the potential actor Philomusus. wrongly stated that Arthur Upfield's Detective Inspector Bomilkmaid brings the ultimate computer a step tells him, "your face methinks electric toothbrush (instead of calling a would be good for a foolish Mayor psychiatrist), such lunacies have replicated naparte was a full-blooded Ab-

But what should a foolish

Ivory trade From Sir Christopher Lever

we have taken the view that a total ban on trade would not be the best way to protect the elephant. If all trade were made illegal, the scarcity value of ivory would cause prices to rise".

II to Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (Cites)".

has actually fallen).

Yours faithfully. CHRISTOPHER LEVER. Newell House, Winkfield,

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 7: This morning The Princess Royal returned from a

visit to West Berlin. This afternoon Her Royal Highness. President. Riding for the Disabled Association, vis-ited the Tweeddale Group at Peebles and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Tweeddale (Lieutenant Colonel Aidan Sprot of Haystoun).

Afterwards The Princess Royal opened Provost Walker Court and Old Town, Peebles. for Eildon Housing Association, Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE September 7: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, this morning visited the Botanic Gardens, 730 Great Western

Road. Glasgow and planted a tree to celebrate the Conference of the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens, Subsequently, Her Royal Highness visited Daniel House of the Mentally Handi-capped Trust at 243 Nithsdale Road. Glasgow.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow (Mrs Susan Baird, the Right Hon, the Lord Provost). Dame Jean Maxwell-

Scott was in attendance.
The Duke of Gloucester this afternoon presented prizes to the Horticultural Diploma Students and subsequently opened the School of Horticulture Education Centre at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Surrey. Major Nicholas Barne was in

Royal

engagements

TODAY: The Duke of Gloucester, as Patron of the Fortress Study Group, will attend the annual meeting and conference of the College of St Mark and St John, Plymouth, at 10.30. TOMORROW: The Princess Royal will attend the inter-national 5.5 metre class Scandinavian Gold Cup Championships at Torbay at

Birthdays

TODAY: Sir Peter Allen, former chairman. ICI, 85: Professor Sir Derek Barton, chemist, 72: Mr Graham Bradley, jockey, 30: Sir John D.K. Brown, company director, 77: Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, composer, 56: Miss Anne Diamond, broadcaster, 36: Mr Michael Frayn, play-wright, 57; Mr Anthony Frodsham, management consul-tant, 71; Mr Fred Jarvis, trades unionist, 66: Sir Denys Lasdun, rugby player, 52; Countess architect, 76: the Marquess of Lothian, 68; Lord Maude of bowler, 62.

Stratford-upon-Avon, 78: Mr Geoff Miller, cricketer, 38: Mr Jack Rosenthal, playwright, 59; Sir Harry Secombe, comedian and singer, 69; Professor E.H. Sondheimer, mathematician, 67; Colonel James Sirling of Garden, Lord Lieutenant of Stirling and Falkirk. 60. TOMORROW: Mr R.B. Ad ams, former managing director Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, 69: Mr Michael Aldridge, actor, 70; Miss Pauline Baynes, book il-lustrator, 68: Mr John Curry, ice skater, 41; Sir John Gorton, CH., former Prime Minister of Australia, 79; Mr Robin Hyman, publisher, 59; Sir John Loveridge, a principal, St Godric's College, 65; Sir Peter Macedam, former, chairman Macadam, former chairman. BAT Industries, 69; Mr Steve O'Shaughnessy, cricketer, 29. Sir Anthony Parsons, diplomat 68: the Rev Professor N.W. Porteous, theologian and lin-guist, 92: Mr James Sabben-Clare, headmaster, Winchester College, 49: Mr Richard Sharpe

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.S.L. Beresford

and Miss B.A. Jones The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Roger S. Beresford and of Mrs Fiuna Beresford, of Headington, Oxford, and Bryony, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Denis Jones, of Hambledon, Surrey.

and Miss A. Cockram Mr and Mrs Peter Burholt, of Sherwood, Fox Hill, Haywards Heath, Sussex, are delighted to ennounce the engagement of their younger son Martin to daughter of Mr and Mrs David Cockram, of Fairfield Way, Haywards Heath, Sussex,

Mr M.R.J. Cairns-Terry

The engagement is announced between Marcus, son of Mr and Mrs Roderick Cairns-Terry, of Kennilworth Warwickshire and Aniia, daughter of Mr and

Mrs Peter Scott, of Caversham, Mr D.A. Campbell and Miss J.R. Law

The engagement is announced hetween Andy, son of Mr and Mrs Doon Campbell, of Merstham, Surrey, and Katie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Law, of London, NW1,

Mr I.R. Campbell and Miss C. Cuttle

The engagement is announced between lain, only son of Mr Hugh Campbell, of White Waltham, Berkshire, and Christina, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs lun Cottle, of Tadworth. Surrey.

Mr.J.S. Curtis and Miss B. Benjamin

The engagement is announced between Job, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs Anthony Curtis. of

Mr S.J. Falconer Hall

and Miss S.D.k. Davies
The engagement is announced
hetween Simon, son of
Lieutenant-Commander J.H. hetween Simon, son of Colonel Arthur Peck, of Lieutenant-Commander J.H. Falconer Hall, RN, (dec'd) and Mrs. E. Falconer Hall, of Biddestone, Wittshire, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Davies, of Keynsham, Ayon.

and Mrs W. Burgess
The forthcoming marriage is announced between Bernard J. Frishs, of New Brighton, and Stamford. Lincolnshire, and Mrs Winefred "Hot.h" Burgess, of Newlyn, Cornwall, and Stamford, Connecticutt.

Mr J.H.M. Hare and Miss K.J. Davies

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Airs Michael Hare, of Docking, Nortolk, and Karen, daughter of Mrs Joan Davies. Warminster, Wiltshire, and the late Mr Peter Davies.

Mr A. Hewitt -and Miss N.J. Radeliffe

The engagement is announced between Alexander, elder son of Mr and Mrs T. Hewitt, of Southbourne. Bournemouth. and Nicola Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs N.B. Radcliffe, of Edwalton.

Nir S.M. Hatchinson and Miss P.C. Rance

The engagement is announced between Stuart Miles, elder son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Donald Hutchinson, of West Rensington, and Penelope Clare, eider daughter of Mr and Mrs James Rance, of Wargrave, Berksinge.

Mr A.M. Janes

and Miss S.F. Ryan the engagement is announced helween Alexander, second son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs J.P.J. James, of West Lavington, Wilishire, and Susan, eldest daughter of Major and Mrs S.F. Ryan, of Shrewton, Wiltshire,

Mr S.D. Johnson and Mrs K. Murton The engagement is announced between Stuart David, son of Mr and Mrs Harold Johnson, of Northwood. Middlesex, and Kathryn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Sid Jones, of Thornton Cleveleys, Lancashire.

Mr J.F. King and Miss J.A. Wolstencroft and Miss J.A. Wolstencroft
The engagement is announced
between James Frederick,
younger son of Mrs Marjorie
King and the laie LieutenantCommander F.J. King, DSC, of
Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and
Julie Ann. only daughter of Mr
and Mrs Jack Wolstencroft, of

East Grinstead, Sussex. Nir P.E.W. McDonald and Miss L.J. Martin

between Paul Edward William, elder son of Mr and Mrs H. McDonald, of Didsbury, Manchester, and Linda Jane, second daughter of Ronald and Patricia Martin. of Molescroft,

Beverley, East Yorkshire. Mr C.A. Macewan and Mrs K.E. Blundell

The engagement is announced between Clive Macewan and Keren Blundell, of Battersea, Mr R.L.R. Ormerod

and Miss L.M. Habnfeld

The engagement is announced between Robin, youngest son of Mr and the late Mrs F.J. Ormerod, of New Barnet, Hertfordshire, and Laura, daughter of Mr M.I.C. Hahnfeld, of Crawley, Sussex, and Mrs P.M. Smith, of New Barnet, Hertfordshire.

Dr R.C. Peatfield

The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Peatfield, of Biddenham. Bedford, and Susan, daughter of the late Mrs Rensington, London, and Belinda, younger daughter of Jean Charles, of Bedford, and of Mr and Mrs Brian Benjamin, of Mr Lawrence Charles, of Luton,

Mr A.J. Peck and Miss S-J. O'Neil-Dunne The engagement is announced between Alan, younger son of Mrs Joyce Peck and the late

Mr M.P. Simmons and Miss J.M. Emig

The engagement is announced between Michael Paul, only son between Michael Paul, only son of Mr Robert Simmons, of London, and Mrs Mary Simmons, of Fivehead, Somerset, and Julie Marie, daughter of Mr Michael J. Emig. of Olney, Maryland, USA, and the late Mrs Elaine P. Emig. Surgeon-Lieutenant M.D.

Stoneham, RN and Miss V.E.C. Bernard The engagement is announced between Mark David, son of Mr

and Mrs C.H. Stoneham, of Titchfield. Hampshire. and Victoria Emily Charlotte younger daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Bernard. of Beeson, Devon. Mr M.R.P. Watkinson and Miss S. Weymont

The engagement is announced between Mark son of Major and Mrs B.E. Watkinson, of Counfield Gardens, London, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.D. Weymont, of Refail Parc. Anglesey. Mr G.R. Wilson

and Mrs P. Henderson The engagement is announced between Roy Wilson, of High Shincliffe. Durham, and Patricia Henderson, of Chester--Street, County Durham.

King's College London

Dr John D.E. Beynon, MSc. PhD. FEng. FIEE, has formally taken up his appointment as Principal of King's College London. Dr Beynon joins King's from the University of Surrey, where he was Senior Pro Vice-Chancellor.

OBITUARIES

A. J. P. TAYLOR

A. J. P. Taylor, historian and journalist, died vesterday at the age of 84 after a long struggle against Parkinson's Disease. He was born on March 25, 1906. PROBABLY the most

controversial, and certainly

the best known bistorian in the English-speaking world. in his prime A, J, P. Taylor attracted — and usually bewitched - a wider following than Macaulay ever dreamt of. Prolific and best-selling author, gifted journalist, and sui generis as a television star. he attempted to transform the historical understanding of his day. With unfailing panache, he appealed, with varying success, both to the doubting professors and their more responsive students and to that amateur, "the man on the Clapham omnibus". An idiosyncratic left-winger of strong views and a charismatic orator. he was also renowned for his forays into populist poli-tics, notably during the orig-inal Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament

Taylor's mastery of the media did not endear him to the academic establishment and he was often accused of sacrificing scholarship to showmanship especially by those who disliked his wellpublicised opinions. How far this denied him preferment is debatable, despite the legends which stem from his failure to become Regius Professor at Oxford. A year earlier, in 1956, he was elected a fellow of the British Academy and gave the Ford lectures, published in 1958 as The Trouble Makers, "by far my favourite brainchild". Thereafter he was never short of recognition, and doctorates were bestowed upon him by Bristol. Manchester, Warwick and York as well as New Brunswick - a gift from Beaver-brook, the only man who ever persuaded him to cross the Atlantic.

As an historian Taylor belonged to no particular school nor did he found one, for all the influence he exercised. Before fame dragged him away from his pupils he was a superb tutor, though he never cared for graduate students. But he could always fill the largest lecture-hall at the most inconvenient hour. Superficially, his approach to the past was defiantly old-fashioned: "politics express the activities of 'man in society', as the theme of history has rightly been called. All other forms of history seem to me history with the history left out". This was the formula he

the results were inimitable. his own and were a dangerous lawyer, he went to Vienna in anti-German views were remodel. His early books were 1928 to work under Pribram inforced by his association



depend upon assiduous reading in five languages and sheer intuition - "green fingers", in Namier's envious phrase. There was no elaborate filing system, but a prodigious memory could usually supply some evidence for the views tapped out at the rate of 1,000 words a morning. He was often accused of being simplistic in his basic assumptions, cavalier in matters of detail, and perverse in interpretation. But his critics rarely denied the range of his erudition, the pungent clarity of his

presentation, or the creative

possibilities of his more outrageous hypotheses. Alan John Percivale Taylor was born in Birkdale, Lancashire, the only son of a wellto-do cotton merchant. His parents were Edwardian Liberals who later became ardent supporters of the Labour party. His relations with them were always happy. A preco-cious and learned child, eduand sophistication to all his file"; worked for his father at second edition of 1948 was works both popular and pro- Preston during the General more detailed but less difessional. In the strictest sense Strike, and got his first as a gestible. He lectured assidu-

cated at Quaker schools, he went up from Bootham to Oriel College, Oxford, in 1924. There he was briefly a member of the Communist party medievalist. Abandoning the ously on wartime issues, in Taylor's methods were also idea of becoming a labour person and on the air, and his

the archives, but he came to garet, who later became the tered in north Oxford. This most generous of Dylan

Thomas's patrons.

In 1930 Taylor was appointed a lecturer at Manchester, and began to make his name. His first books, The Italian Problem in European Diplomacy (1934) and Germany's First Bid for Colonies (1938), were conventional in form but hinted at the mischief to come. He trained himself to lecture without notes, an art he developed to perfection. He harangued audiences of every sort as an opponent of appeasement and served his apprenticeship, under A. P. Wadsworth, as a reviewer and

leader-writer on The Manchester Guardian. camera, wide-ranging un-Though he subsequently de-scripted lectures for the laynied it, a profound influence upon him in these years was that of his professor, Namier, who helped him to return to Oxford in 1938 as a fellow of Magdalen. This was his base until 1976, when he retired as an honorary fellow.

Taylor remained in Oxford throughout the second world war. In 1941 he published the most elegant of his books, The

led to his first best-seller in 1945, The Course of German History, a brilliant pièce d'occasion, and tempted him into confrontations with gov-ernment and the BBC which paved the way for his later fame. As always, he found time for his college, and for his pupils as they returned from

the wars.

In the 1950s Taylor became national figure. On television programmes like In the News and Free Speech he took the public's fancy as something of a card, a quick-witted debater playing the role of a latter-day Cobbett. Subsequently, he was proud of his ability to deliver, direct to the man. He was a highly-paid columnist on the Sunday Express and prospered from the boom in popular, illustrated history. This did not prevent him travelling far and wide as an unpaid evangelist for the Historical Association, "my

director. Meanwhile Taylor, the bestorganised of men, had produced, in addition to an

Danniery's School, hear his family home in Wiltshire, and led him io volunteer immediately war was de-clared. He entered the Wiltshire Regiment, served in the ism which summed up Tay-Sicily landings and later in for's paradoxical, provocative north west Europe. and inventive approach to He was serving in Cologne as a lieutenant-colonel after the war when he became known as the man who sacked Konrad Adenauer. Although the decision, of course, was not Lawson's, it was he who was chosen to tell Dr Adenauer that he was no longer acceptable to the allies as ford mayor of Cologne. When Adenauer became chancellor the two men met frequently in Bonn. Lawson said Adenauer never referred to the incident

oining the Daily Express Taylor remained a cosmopol-The Express owned by Lord Beaverbrook and edited itan intellectual with an expert

the brash exterior, he was only good works", and he was three times married and de-a benevolent host to the voted to his six children and earnest clientele of the Beaver- their offspring. Some but not brook Library, of which he all of these characteristics autobiography, A. Personal History (1983). He is survived by his dedicated wife. Eva Haraszti, herself an historian from Hungary, who did much

excellent sketch of Bismarck which his reputation largely happy and productive.

turns. The Struggle for Mas-tery in Europe, 1848-1918 (1954) dealt in detail with his first love, international relations, and remains a standard text. The same cannot be said of English History, 1914-45 (1965). Enthralling but eccentric, it is a self-indulgent essay on his own times rather than a balanced account. Much the most controversial, however, was The Origins of the Second World War (1961), which brought him world-wide notoriety. This was essentially an extension of his belief in the continuity of German history. Hitler was depicted as a natural (if monstrous) product of tradition and less the aggressive planner than a man who reacted to chance and contingency - one of his favourite themes. Bitterly attacked as condoning the Third Reich, it can now be seen as a dazzling exercise in revisionLAWSON

Colin Lawsun, former Bonn correspondent of the Daily Express and one of the paper's most versatile roving reporters.

died on September 2 aged 74. He was born on March 20.

COLIN Lawson was a leading

correspondent for the Daily

Express in the days before

popular newspapers largely

abandoned their foreign ser-

vices as a result of economies

in Fleet Street and com-

petition from television. He

was a colourful journalist who

had few equals in the speed

with which he wrote his copy

and, even more important, in

the ingenuity with which he

managed to get his stories transmitted to London well

The threat of war domi-

nated his school days at

Dauntsey's School, near his

by Arthur Christiansen, with

its circulation of more than

four million, was regarded at

that time as the most glam-

orous of popular newspapers.

with its foreign service as

possibly its proudest feature.

Lawson was anxious to join

stars such as Sefton Delmer and René MacColl and his

chance came in 1953 when he

was a holiday relief in the

paper's Bonn bureau. East

Germans rioted in Berlin and

Lawson was available to cover

the story. His reports gained

him an immediate permanent

He was not one of the

paper's best writers but he was

among its best informed. His

attitude to Germans in the

beginning was brusque and

sometimes verged on the

editor visiting Bonn asked.

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posting to Boon.

ahead of his rivals.

1916.

history. His last substantial work was Beaverbrook (1972), a somewhat uneasy tribute to an improbable friend. Even so, this illustrated his versatility. Man of the left as he was Taylor prided himself on his knowledge of business and the stock market, where he was a shrewd investor. Always fivgal, he was nonetheless an dmirable host whose tabletalk was unrivalled, and he enjoyed domestic chores. In but never greeted him very early days he had a peasantwarmly either. like commitment to his ver-Lawson had worked for the etable garden and later became an indefatigable Wiltshire Times and the Western Daily Press before the war walker, in both town and and on demobilisation he was country. Though he came to employed by Kemsley Newssee himself as a simple, truepapers in Manchester before born Englishman in old age,

knowledge of European architecture, music and wine. In August 1980 he resigned from the British Academy in protest at what he called a witch hunt" by some members to remove the confessed traitor Anthony Blunt from membership. His resignation followed public controversy as to whether Blunt's actions were or were not the business of the academy. Taylor was not alone in believing that the academy should be concerned with the qualities and qualifications for which a member was elected and not dwell on other issues.

An emotional man, despite (1955), the three books on to make his later years both

him if he was still fighting world war II or had unilaterally started world war III. In fact, the Germans were intrigued by him and the Federal Republic rewarded him its Verdienst Kreuz. Lawson was not just a Bonn specialist. He was a great roving reporter; dashing in to-

report revolts and riots all over Europe and Africa and occasionally even further afield. He was in Budapest during the worst days of the 1956 uprising -He had an experience of a Castro prison in 1961 and bluffed his way into Prague to report the Soviet invasion in 1968. In the 1970s, however, time ran out for the reporters of the "I flew in today to see the carnage." school of journalism. Television was reporting it first and foreign coverage was: becoming more expensive. Lawson was told by the paper he had served so well that his future services were not required. He freelanced for a time in Brussels and Bonn and then retired.

He was married twice and is survived by his second wife. Pamela, and the two sons and a daughter of his first

ALLEN ADAMS

Allen Adams, Labour MP for Paisley North since 1983 and for Paisley from 1979 to 1983. died on September 5 aged 44. Since 1985 he had been Labour's Scottish whip. He was born on February 16,

ALLEN Adams occupied what was believed to be Keir Hardie's old office in the House of Commons, which was only appropriate for a Scottish socialist who believed nassionately in both his country and his party.

Born in Paisley and educated at the town's Camphill High School and Reid-Keir Technical College, he was above all a Paisley man. He served on its town council and

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
GANTERBURY CATHEDRAL 8 HC.
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regional council, becoming vice-chairman of its social services council, and when John Robertson, the sitting MP, defected to the breakaway Scots Labour party in 1976 it seemed only natural that Adams should be selected to fight and win the Paisley

Soon after arriving at Westminster Adams asked for the return with interest of the £500 Paisley lent in 1745 to help put down Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite rebellion. Although Adams palpably made the suggestion with his introduced a number of pritongue firmly in his cheek, it revealed what were to be his

ye servants (Tye), Arnold in A.
Evening Hymn (Ballour Gardiner).
ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S.
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ALL SOULS, Langham Place. W1: 11
Rev. S. Wookey: 6 30 Communion
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CHELSEA OLD CHURICH, Old Church
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Service: 11 M, Rev. J. H. L. Cross. 6 E.
Preb C E L. Thomson
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ST GUTHBERT'S, Philibrach Gardens
SWS, 10 HC, 11 S Euch, Harvood in
D. View me Lord a work of thine
Lloyds, Fr Bull
ET GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WCI: 10
EUCh, Fr D Richards: 6.50 EP, Mr R
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Jenkins.

ST GEORGES, Hanover Square. W1:

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P. J Calloway: 6.30 EP. Rev. G C

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ST JOHN'S, Hade Park Crescent, W2: 8 HC: 10 Parish Euch with Children's Church, Rev B Callayhan; 6.50



vate member's bills supporting causes in which he chief characteristics as an MP believed, including the early - his concern for his constit- detection of muscular dysuency and his flair for pub- trophy and financial its bench and was for a time its licity. In the House he became discrimination against unchief magistrate. In 1972 he a notable campaigner for more employed men with working Before becoming an MP her and by a son was elected to Strathclyde home rule for Scotland. He wives and other assets, which Adams had been a computer daughters.

without becoming law.

constrictor" he obviously had was 14,442 in 1987. to obey the Speaker's instruc- He was the fifth Labour MP tion to withdraw the sentence. to die this year and his death stone should be "booted into the Thames" for alleging that time in bars and brothels.

provided useful propaganda analyst and a shipyard draughtsman. His bearded fig-He had a wounding turn of ure, at times appearing threat phrase which often produced ening when attacking his headlines, though occa- opponents concealed a gemai sionally he went too far. When nature which made him a his concern for his country led popular figure with all parties him to accuse Mrs Thatcher of and particularly in his constittreating Scotland with "all the uency, where he had built up sensitivity of a self-styled boa his majority steadily until it

He did not, however, confine was unexpected because he his attacks to Conservatives. had just been released from a He urged the expulsion from Paisley hospital after weeks of the party of a fellow MP, Ken intensive care following a Livingstone, for his attitude virus infection he had develtowards Sinn Fein, having oped during a holiday in previously said Mr Living- Spain. His wife, Irene, was recently selected as prospective Labour candidate for many Labour MPs spent their Argyll and Bute. They married in 1968 and he is survived by Before becoming an MP her and by a son and two

> Mr J.P. Courtenay-Pinfield and Miss J.C. Wilson The marriage took place on September 7, at St Mary's, Battersea, between Julian, son of Mr Ivan Pinfield, of East

Lydford Somersei, and Mrs. Margaret Courrenay-Pinfield of Chiswick. London, and Janine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs. James Wilson, of Putney, London, Canon John Morris officiated. A luncheon was held at Claridges.

Mr P. Goonewardene and Miss M. Bell The marriage took place on September I. 1990, at Elm Road Chapel. Beckenham, between Priya Goonewardene and Miranda Bell.

Captain D.J. Hunter

and Miss A.L. Capadose . The marriage took place on September I. at St. Mary's Church, Westerham, Kent. between Captain David Hunter. 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards and Miss Adriana Capadosc. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father: was attended by Faizia Hunter. Olivia Millen: Sophia Benckendorff. Chartie Talbot and Ben Ormonde. Captain Angus Neish was best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride. Breaches... Westerham.

Mr P.E. Vaughan and Miss K. McGovern The marriage took place on September 7. at the Paris of Friday, September 7, at the Australian Embassy in Paris, of

Mr Peter Vaughan, of Camberra. cidest son of Mr and Mrs Enc Vaughan, of Sydney, and Miss Kathleen McGovern, of Canberra, youngest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Thomas Me-Govern, of Brisbane.

School news

Moreton Hall, Shropshire The school will reassemble for the new school year on Sunday, September 9, with 350 girls on roll. The head and second prefects are Lia Haywood and Jemma Pratt: Suzanne Mills is captain of lacrosse: There will be a Gala Ball in aid of the development appeal on Sat-urday, September 22, and a Reunion for Old Moretonians on Saturday, September 29, both at the school, Half-term will be from October 20 to 28. The Carol Service will be held in Oswestry Parish Church, on Friday, December 14, and term ends on Saturday, December 15. The Musgrave Centre for the performing arts will be in full use this term. Mrs. P. Gregson will be Acting Principal in Mr E.J. Cussell's absence on a

sabbatical term. Chancellor E. Garth Moore

A Solemn Eucharist of Requient for the late Chancellor Evelyn. Garth Moore will be held on Wednesday, October 3, at 6 pm at St Mary Abchurch London. EC4.

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Marriages

Church services for tomorrow (Harris). Rev C James: 6.30 E. Rev G James. ST STEPHENS, Gourester Road. SW7: 8. 9. LM: 11 SM; Communion Service in C (Purcell). O Jesus look (Kirbre), Salve Reginar (Lateus). Fr C Cohven: 6 E & B. Fr C Colven. ST VEDAST, Foster Lane. EC2: 11. SM. The Rector. JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland Rd. 14: 10 LM: 11 SM. Fr G Bright: 6 V JOHN THE DIVINE, Vasigal Rd. 9'8 LM: 10 HM: 4 E & B.

ST JOHN THE DIVINE, Vassad Rd. SW9 8 LM: 10 HM: 4 E & B. ST JOHNES WOOD GHURGH, NIVE 8 HC: 950 Parish Communion: 11 S EUCh. Missa Festil a Peeters). Training or the continuous services as a service service service services as a service service service service services as a service serv SOR. WARTELIN-THE-FIELDS, W/C2: 8
HC: 9 45 Euch. Let all mortal fiesh keep stence (Bayrelow). As a terum corpus (Hill). Canon P Welsby. 11.30
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SURRENDER AT SEDAN

The whole of the next day. I spent in the town of Sedan. At an early hour the march out of the French troops began. It continued till dusk. when the first Prossian guard marched in and took possession of the Market-place. There was, at first, some slight attempt to march out the army by regiments, and this partially succeeded, but to a great extent the soldiers poured out indiscriminately. The majority left their arms in the town, many breaking them up or throwing them into the most to prevent their falling into the hands of the Prussians. As they went out. horses, cancon, and arms were given up and the men were marched off into five or six large camps, which they occupied for the night, on the meadows round the town. It certainly was a melancholy sight enough to see 60,000 of the inest troops in the world quietly filing out and laying down their arms thus helplessly. How bitterly they felt it. I need not say. Private soldiers - old soldiers - told me again and again they would rather die, and I myself sow gold, grey-headed officers — one a General Officer - crying like a child. It appalled me to find that at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, when the troops had been pouring out without inter-

mission for seven hours, and none had come in, that the streets and squares seemed quite as crowded as

> It seemed almost as though they must be coming in at one gate as they went out at another, and the continuous passage before my eyes of the same uniform, with only differences I could not tell, the same eternal round cavalry, artillery and infantry. cavalry, artillery, infantry, hour after hour, left the impression of a child's toy, where the same figures go round and round, doing duty for a countless About 3 o'clock, I found my way

into the largest hotel, and managed to get some food. Some 20 French officers, mostly of the higher ranks, were eating their last meal before leaving the town. They talked warmly of the folly of Mac-Mahon and his plans, and were already sufficiently excited when there entered two Bavarian officers. They were followed by a crowd of French soldiers, one of whom threw a bottle at one of the Bavarians. Immediately, all the French officers sprang to their feet, and all together began reproaching their men, and crowding round the Bavarians with apologies and much hand-shaking. "Messieurs", said one, who had been most indignant with Mac-Mahon, "Messieurs" said he, beating his breast and addressing the Bavarians, "nous sommes malheureux mais nous sommes soldata." "Messieurs" answered the senior Bavarian, beating his breast in turn "Je comprends parfaitement - parfaitement parfaitement vos sentiments". Then there was more hand-shaking, then kissing, yes I saw it, then drinking together "à l'armée Française", then two or three of the French officers turned to the wall and cried like children. Finally, the junior Bavarian officer, who was just leaving for Brussels with despatches, offered to take letters for any French officer in the room - an offer I need not say of

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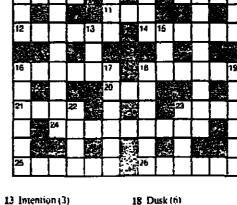
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WEEKEND LIVING: IN TOWN

Taste of honey in the city

Bees seem to like the urban life, producing up to 200lb of honey per hive in a season and they may even be good for rheumatism

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ast Tuesday, after the staff of her publishing com-pany had left work, Kyle Cathie donned cotton overalis, long gloves and welling-tons and started extracting the last of the summer's honey from the three hives in the walled garden of her office-home in Westminster. Mrs Cathie is one of 70 members of the London Bee

Keepers' Association, many of whom have reported honey yields of more than 100lb a hive this season and, in wetter years with a

better pollen flow, up to 200lb. Although bees exercise a strange fascination on the popular imagination, most beekeepers prompted to take up the hobby as part of a fun-

damental urge to be self-sufficient. In cities the urge to produce one's own food can be potent, and Mrs Cathie's husband had to be firm when she threatened to install chickens in the garage. When her family consumed a whole pound of honey for breakfast she decided instead to keep bees.
As a child in Warwickshire she

had often watched the woman who looked after the family hives, and she felt confident she could

The vocation has not been

to her head once landed Mrs Cathie in casualty - but there may also be some advantages: the therapeutic effect of bee venom on some types of rheumatism is well researched, and few apiarists suffer serious aches and pains. The fact that most substitute honey for sugar in much of their diet may

Bill Frearson, aged 80, has kept bees for 48 years in Derby. After the first year, when his arms swelled up like balloons, he found

he could shrug off 30 bee stings after tired Rolls-Royce pattern maker, he once had 18 hives at the bottom of his garden, but now has nine. He says most bees operate within a twomile radius, but his will fly up to four miles to reach

fields of yellow rape, which produces pure white granulated honey. He regrets this predilection for the plant: the bees no longer produce his favourite "spring" taste of honey from clover or the blossoms of fruit trees.

On a warm day, Mr Frearson likes to sit outside and watch the bees. "My bees are just over the fence, but nobody gets stung," he says. "I soon find out if they are a bit tissicky, and re-queen the colony." As the only fertile female in the hive, the queen is mother of up to 60,000 bees, and her



Battle dress: Mrs Cathie, taking no chances with her honey-makers

Events in town

THIS WEEKEND

personality is vital. Good-tem-

pered bees are essential in a built-

up area, and knowing how to

manage them to prevent swarm-

Ken Taylor, who keeps bees in

Plymouth, says: "As soon as the

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But he says most people do not

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 Lincoln crafts fair: Crafts demonstrated and for sale. Children's entertainments. Lincoln Castle, Lincoln. Today, White Cliff country festival

in all types of specialist shooting, parades of archers and their supporters.

Dover Castle, Dover. Today

 Rotten Row tercentenan parade: More than 1,000 horses in the largest cavalcade of horses and carriages to process up the Mail since the coronation. The Mail, Constitution Hill and Tomorrow from 2pm, free.

Art deco fair: Twenties and Thirties furniture, ceramics, art and

10am-5pm, £1.50, accompanied

5pm, 90p, child 45p.

10.30am-5pm, tomorrow 11am-4pm, £3, child £1.50. Town and country show: All manner of country pursuits, plus

Getting a buzz from urban self-sufficiency: forbidden by her husband to keep chickens in the garage, Kyle Cathie had to settle for hives at the bottom of her Westminster garden

car/ous rally, military/vintage vehicles, horticultural show. Norfolk Shawground, Norwich, (0603 748931). Tomorrow 9am-6pm, £2.50, child 50p. The Young London open space drama project: Open-air performance of Kidnapped with ve music in the new amphitheatre

Wigleypits, Wigley Road, Hounslow, Middlesex (081-568 5497). Today, tomorrow, Sept 15/16, 3.30pm, free. Take rug.

NEXT WEEK

● Map and print fair: items dating from the 16th to 18th Bonnington Hotel, Southampton Row, London WC1, 9.30am-5pm, free.

 Indian summer: Exhibition of textiles, books, toys, art and artefacts, plus batik and beaded jewellery, workshops and Indian cookery demonstrations.

Neal Street East, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 0135). Mon to Oct 31.

 Cheisea antiques fair: All ms pre-1850, vetted for age and

Road, London SW3, Tues to Sept 22; Mon-Fri 11am-8pm, Sat-Sun 11am-6pm. First day only, 11am-2pm (charity preview), £10; thereafter £6 including catalogue.

 Phillips gala auction: In aid of the RAF Benevolent Fund's "Reach for the Sky" appeal.
 RAF Bentley Priory, Stanmore, information and catalogue from Phillips, 101 New Bond Street, London W1 (071-629 6602). First international Covent Garden festival: Ten-day

extravaganza featuring visual arts, folk music, cooking, fashion and performing arts groups. Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-497 8903). Wed until Sept 22. Autumn flower show: Many

different societies, classes and competitions. Vegetables event includes weighing the world's heaviest onion. Floral displays pottery and the autumn rose show of the Royal National Rose

Society.
Exhibition Centre, Harrogate,
Yorkshire. Fri 10am-9pm, £4.50
before 4pm then £2.50. Sat
9.30am-5pm, £4. Students £1.75 first day, £1.50 second day, accompanied child under 16 free.

Changing Face: St Wilfrid's church, Brighton

God's house opens to the homeless

ELM Grove is a satisfyingly, seedily typical Brighton street. This is the fish and chip and boarding house Brighton of Graham Greene's Brighton Rock. Nothing seems to have changed in 50 years.

The church of St Wilfrid, halfway up the hill, has been at the centre of a ten-year controversy. ever since it was declared redundant because of failing attendances. Although a new use has at last been found for the building. the controversy refuses to die.

St Wilfrid's, designed in 1932 by H.S. Goodhart-Rendel, is an idiosyncratic grouping of angles and planes in red brick and matching pantiles, crowned by a massive. four-square tower with a pitched roof and double windows on either side, 30ft high. The exterior was matched by a lofty, bare brick interior, with internal buttresses punctured by arched openings. The originality of the conception and, particularly, the quality of the interior space, earned St Wilfrid's

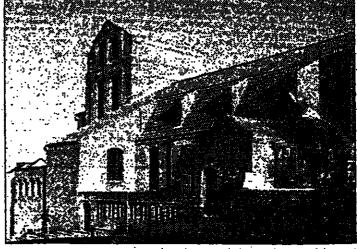
a Grade II listing. However, the idea of the church standing as a splendidly useless. shrine, to be visited by the occasional architectural historian, would have been galling to many. style is not generally admired. After a non-statutory public

enquiry called by the owner of the building, the diocese of Chichester (which wanted to demolish it), an application to convert the church into 24 flats for "people in housing need" in Brighton was eventually approved in January 1989. The Chichester Diocesan Housing Association, which had bought the building for £1:500, started work.

The tower and a token strip of side aisle are the only parts of the interior left relatively unscathed by Hunter & Partners, the architect of the conversion. From the outside, the building has not been too severely compromised. Although 18 new windows have been inserted, the work has been done sympathetically. But the lofty interior space has gone forever.

it would be an el say that dismay at the church's fate is universal. Against the protestations of the Thirties Society and Save Britain's Heritage at the enquiry has to be set the fact that by next spring some of Brighton's homeless will be living in low-cost housing of enviable quality.

CALLUM MURRAY



New role: St Wilfrid's church in Brighton is being converted into flats

Help: Tim Selman, ecology consultant

A sure touch on the greens

insect repellent on the market, what are the "greenest" toys for children, and how do you ensure that your personal computer is environmentally as well as user-

Tim Selman, aged 30, recently appointed to run a "green business service" for Eastleigh borough council, in Hampshire, may not but he will do his best to find out His service has been funded jointly by Eastleigh council and BP, with £44,000 to cover two years' running costs.

A former tree-planter who has a degree in rural environment studies from Wye College, London University, Mr Selman would like to see a national network of "green consultants" like himself, whose services would be available without charge through local councils to private individuals and busi-

Calls seeking information to Friends of the Earth (FoE) and Sustainability, the producers of The Green Consumer Guide, usually produce only exhortations to buy books on the subject. Sustainability does, it is true, run an "environmental auditing" service. But it is costly and intended for use by companies rather than private individuals with green

"We couldn't possibly recommend a product," an FoE spokes-



Tim Selman: environment advice

person said when asked about environmentally friendly insect repellents.

Mr Selman, however, is happy to point people in the right direction. He is the first to admit he does not know all the answers but he knows where to look for them. He uses other green organisations and contacts as reference material.

"I've got books listing more than 250 private environmental consultants around the country, with 300 pages of environmental agencies," he says. "And I talk to the environmental health departments of other councils.

"I'll try to tackle anything from a £250,000 scheme for dealing with domestic waste to advising meone on the best fridge to buy. Companies, he points out, do

increasingly turning to companies whose manufacturing processes are environmentally sound," he

Although technically I am here for the people of Eastleigh, I am happy to answer questions from anyone," he says. "We hope the success of this service will lead to councils all over the country creating 'green' officers — not just to advise businesses on how to become more environmentally friendly, but to help private individuals."

He plans to run seminars and . disseminate information in Britain and on the Continent. A comfortable, not particularly lurid, shade of green himself, he either rides a bicycle to work or

drives his diesel-fuelled car. He has two children, aged three and one, and is the first to admit that, "although I'd recommend toys made of wood from sustainable forests rather than those made of plastics. I know that my

kids just don't seem to play with the wooden toys. They prefer the plastic ones. "It's very difficult," he adds. rather disconsolately.

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Monopoly on the Downs

Home from home: Victoria Wilson

even years ago, when Vic-toria Wilson was still in charge of the Young England nursery - famous to the outside world for having employed Lady Diana Spencer she spent a family weekend at her parents' home in Sussex, with her husband and two young children. Plans to play tennis were scuppered by rain, and when her father menuoned that the cottages on the nearby estate were up for sale, it seemed worth a look.

"I'd been toying with the idea that it would be lovely to have somewhere down here," she says, "and off we went to this place which looks straight out on the Downs. Even in the wind and the rain I could see it had immense potential. It had belonged to the estate manager and it had been pretty well looked after, although the invited needed after, although the inside needed changing. We called it the 'non-drinking man's cottage because the beams came down to the middle of my chest. But by the end of that Sunday evening, our minds were made

The cottage was to be sold at auction the following Thursday. "I had to go on my own and I had no idea what to do," Mrs Wilson says. "My husband gave me a ceiling price and I got it incredibly reasonably, as it turned out. Apparently this had been the star attraction but people didn't think they had a chance and so didn't bid. We were really very lucky. And I must say it was tremendously exciting to do it all so quickly - view it on a Sunday, buy it the following Thursday and not an estate agent in sight. I remember being so excited driving back from the auction, I couldn't wait to tell everybody what had happened. It has a lovely atmosphere, very cosy and evocative, too, because my parents lived in a similar house when I was born."

The tiny, high windows in the wall facing the downs were replaced with French windows and a patio was laid outside. The beams which threatened the head of anyone over 4ft tall were raised. Beyond that, the work was mostly

"We gave the two children, Charles and Camilla (now aged 14 and 11) the largest bedroom and put two bunk beds in it so they could each have a friend to stay; we took the middle-sized room ourselves and left the tiny spare room for visitors," Mrs Wilson says. As it turned out, the bunk beds were rather prophetic and are

have been left begging, since

there is now a minimum height

specification of 13m (measured

from the shoulder) for a dog

At last week's British Vet-

erinary Association Congress

in London, Mrs Kay White, an

author and lecturer in animal

care, weighed in to denounce

fox terriers - of which Parson

Russells are variants - and

Jack Russells as tempera-

mentally "sometimes worse

than Rottweilers". Offence

having been caused to legions

of Parson Russell and Jack

Russell owners, the record

would seem to need setting

straight, "Most people don't know

about the original Parson Rus-

sells," Mrs Wilford says. As a

breeder, she is not above admit-

ting she at first mistakenly gravi-

tated towards tiny "Jack

Russells", more accurately

and 12in for a bitch.



Viewed on Sunday, bought on Thursday and never an estate agent in sight: Victoria Wilson and three of her children at their Sussex cottage

house there'

now filled by Octavia, aged four, and one-year-old Francesca.

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Mrs Wilson's husband, Anthony, a financier, works long hours, and on most Friday evenings they set off from their home in Clapham, London, having loaded the car with provisions, a few clothes and the dog, and arrive in Sussex an hour and 15 minutes later. Because the cottage is small it takes only an hour to warm or air. The only worry is that with four growing children there soon will not be enough room for them all, and they are considering a low, barn-like extension.

The last thing we wanted was for the place to become a burden, so we've never made it a rule to go there at weekends, although we usually do. A chap comes in during the week to do the garden and his mother cleans. We usually leave some food down there, but the electricity isn't that reliable and we're always having to throw away stuff in the freezer. There is a proper larder,

down. I know I should support the local shops but, quite honestly, I can't face shopping on Saturday mornings, especially now I run a shop myself, so I

stock up in a supermarket in London. I don't know why, but food always seems to taste better in the country. I'm not usually thrilled to be bound to the kitchen but somehow I don't mind in the cottage. We have food - meat and vegetables and

potatoes, and the children love it. "I often think it's as if we're playing house there - Anthony in the garden, me in the kitchen, lots of walks; family games like Monopoly and Cluedo. We have a television, but the children have to come to an agreement

though, where we can keep some about what to watch, instead of essentials and the rest I bring just going off into another room just going off into another room and another television set, as they do in London.

> about the cottage is being able to watch the changing seasons, and we get the full force of 'I often whatever weather England is having think it's If there is a gale blowing it's really as if we're cosy because the playing cottage has enor-

mously thick walls,

supper round the fire and it's terrific to wake up there on Saturday mornings. My husband cooks breakfast - and is brilliant at it - and we fall into the

in March, after two decades of running the kindergarten she took over when she was 20, Mrs Wilson

dren's clothes shop in southwest London with an emphasis on tradition. Barbara Barnes. Prince William's first nanny, is the manageress. "Barbara was my maternity nurse when Francesca was born. I had always longed to set up a children's clothes shop and I was talking to her about it when she said, 'Well, let's do it.'

Weekends are reserved for family, without the help of the nanny who holds the fort in London. They do without a washing machine by keeping wellies, coats and jumpers there, and ferrying their other clothes back and forth, but the dishwasher is a must - "I simply couldn't bear to wash up all If the Wilsons socialise, it is

either with family or with London friends who also have houses in Sussex. The size of the cottage prevents any large-scale entertain-"We'd be sitting on each

Sweep a back of the hand delivery

A technique that can turn any birder into a St Francis: pishing, devised in America, looks ridiculous but there is no doubt that it can work

Farmer's diary: Paul Heiney

Putting Descartes before the horse

NEXT week I shall harness the horses, drag the plough from the barn and start the long slog of renewing our soil, furrow by furrow. I shall not expect quick results: a fit man, with equally fit horses, should be able to plough one acre a day. He walks 11 miles doing so. It is going to be a long march. But that is next week.

For the moment I am content to lounge in the hay in a newly equired state of trance, smell the dampness in the wind and reflect

on my first six months as a farmer. It has been a sweat. The learning curve has been precipitous and, in the often intolerable heat of high summer, it has felt as if I have been acting out "Thomas Hardy meets Lawrence of Arabia", with

cart-horses instead of camels. Pigs know how to cope with the heat. Alice, our sow, gets her snout under the water trough, tips it over and then directs her triumphant nose towards the sodden ground. There she digs a hole, and wallows. I watch, and can almost hear her humming: "Nothing quite like it for cooling the blood ..." Had the heat continued I would have joined her.

Much sweat has been created by the apparently simple business of moving livestock from place to place. You may recall my lurid sccounts of sheep-catching marathons and of desperate struggles to contain wandering heifers. Well, thanks to a reader's letter. I have a new approach. It involves taking deep breaths hefore attempting to move stock, especially pigs. The result is less panting afterwards.

The rules have been laid down by a Mrs Mainstone and I feel I should pass them on.

Rule 1 of moving animals, she says, is: never use visitors to help. By and large, I agree. We were lucky in that a soothing and courteous art dealer happened to be passing by when the piglets were last shifted. We cannot expect a person of such natural sensitivity to be around every time.

Rule 2: Use only one local boy or girl, aged eight upwards, whom you know to be obedient, eager, purposeful and calm. I applaud the advice, but following it has been a problem. Children of the generation who got their stimulation from watching The Flowerpot Men may have been fine, but the modern Star Wars kid only wants to "zap" things. And zapped piglets fly in all directions.

SUE THOMAS Having got the herd on the move, Mrs Mainstone recom-

mends walking ahead of the sow, banging a galvanised bucket of feed with a stick and crying "tig, tig, tig." Infallible, she claims.

However, I suspect she succeeds not by obeying any of the aforementioned rules but by religiously observing her third piece of advice: "Explain to all concerned that you have in your mind a calm picture of success."

This works, and it has changed my life. I have taught a horse to walk, unguided, between rows of growing crops by never allowing it to cross my mind that he would not be able to do it. I have even loaded my three wild herfers into the lorry on my own - there was never any question that they would go anywhere else other than up the ramp. It is a sort of hypnotism.

The 'fluence works on turnips, too. Depressed by the heat, they



succumbed to mildew. ventional farming would have dosed them with fungicide. I merely filled my mind with a "calm picture of success" and did nothing. They withered even more. But then came a shower of rain. Now they are thriving.

And so is the succulent kale. One farmer near here told me that his entire crop had died. He asked what fertiliser I had used and what my spraying programme had been. I told him that I had done nothing at all, except kill the weeds with a horse-drawn hoe.

I was on the point of suggesting he tried a little hypnotism, filling his mind with thoughts of success. But I bit my tongue. It sounded dangerously like recommending that we talk to the flowers ... and we know only too well the

THE real Jack Russell may now stand up. Since the Kennel Club Breeding decided at the beginning of the year to recognise the Parson Jack

You're all Russell Terrier as a pedigree dog, the club received about 600 foundation registrations before right, Jack this week's closure date. The rest, described by Ruth Wilford, secretary of the Parson Russell Jack Russell Terrier Club as "Jack Russells in inverted commas",



Type cast: Mrs Wilford's dog, Hannah

described as cross-breed hunt terriers. "That was in about 1959. Later I was setting my dogs out of a van when this old Devonian bluntly asked what I thought they were. When I said 'Jack Russells', he fell about laughing."

The breed owes its existence to the Rev John Russell, vicar of the north Devon parish of Swym-bridge for 50 years from 1832, who owned Trump, "the progenitress Alarm bells were sounded for

Parson Russells seven years ago, when breeders detected a scheme to promote a much smaller terrier as a "Jack Russell", with the hoped-for Kennel Club recognition. So the Parson Jack

Russell Terrier Club, formed at the beginning of the century but affiliated to the Fox Terrier Clubs, was hastily reformed and a breed standard drawn up Mrs Wilford says she has

never known a vicious Parson Russell, although she counsels against leaving any dog, terrier

week-old puppy," she says."

Feather report

PISH 'em up. That is the way to do it. One of life's recurring problems is the small bird in the bush: the sort that hops about and never permits you a clear sight. The bird is selfishly involved in its own affairs, and has absolutely no concern for your problems. This is not to be tolerated.

So you start pishing. To pish, you raise the back of your hand to your mouth and make a series of exaggerated sucks and kisses. If you do this with enough enthuiasm, you will make a series of bizarre noises, rather like those made by Sweep, Sooty's friend.

This is, of course, a hideously embarrassing thing to do, and it takes a person of real self-confidence to perform it in public. But, ludicrously enough, it can actually work. Some birds become so intrigued by these silly noises that they simply have to get a better look at what is going on. They will pop out of the bush and perch in full view, head cocked on one side. They look quizzically at you (understandably enough), but they seem totally unthreatened by

the business. Pishing was invented by American birders and has become part of the armoury of British enthusiasts. One wonders about the first pisher. What on earth persuaded this person to start squeaking at some poor, bewildered bird? However, there is no disputing the fact that it can work. The finest pisher I ever met is a chap called Bob, a fanatic about the birds of Zambia. His facility for charming the birds from the trees had a friend of mine talking about being "on safari with

St Francis". The pleasures of pishing are the involvement with the bird, but there seems to be a very fine line between interaction and interference. Birding is full of deep and dreadful temptations. These sudden lusts for appalling behaviour are not the sort of thing the world will understand, but they have their basis in greed: a lust to have a

There is not a birder living who has not disturbed feeding birds, followed them, and disturbed them again. From there it is a

particular bird.

short step to the deliberate flushing of birds from cover. This is not on at all, there are a few birders who will succumb to the temptation to bung a brick at a bird so they can see if it has wing bars.

Pishing is relatively mild stuff. The next step is imitating birds, to make them call back. Here again. Bob is remarkable. I shall not forget his lengthy dialogue with a scimitar-billed wood hoopoe. I have engaged in conversation with a Chinese cuckoo. This, however, is clearly interfering with the bird. Birds call for a reason. The common and imitable calls are likely to be used for contact, or to declaim territorial rights. If you make a noise like a rival male, the territorial

male of the area will be disturbed. The next step is to carry a tape recorder and to play recorded birdsong at the birds. This can be a staggeringly successful method of attracting a bird. "I'll just call him up," Bob will say, and within minutes the bird of his choice will be virtually sitting on the tape recorder, yelling its head off.

THIS probably does little serious harm in the middle of the Zambian bush where people - let alone people like Bob - hardly exist. But in Britain, calling birds up is considered totally unethical. With the huge number of birders around, it is right that this is so. The thought of woods crawling with birders playing redstart calls through ghetto blasters is hideous. This is a temptation to which

birders really should not succumb. Bob, of course, is not a man much given to resisting temptation. This landed him in jail once. It was a wood owl that did it. The sound of its voice (heard by some observers as, "Now then, whoooo's a naughty boy?") stirred him to action.

I could have told Bob it was unwise. To aim a shoteun mike with parabolic reflector over the fence of a Zambian army camp was not the world's smartest move.

However, it all ended happily enough: nobody could take Bob seriously in the role of international spy.
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Re-enactment of the Battle of

Bosworth Field: The Plantagenet Society relives the battle in which Richard III was killed. Also falconry displays, a medieval archery tournament and pipe band. Bosworth Battlefield Visitor Centre, Sutton Cheney, Market Bosworth, Leicestershire. Tomorrow, 11am 5pm, £2.50, child five to 16 £1.50,

Inland waterways bicemenary raily and canal festival: To celebrate the opening of the Oxford Canal in 1790, some 100 poets are expected at the newly restored boatyard. Statis, boaf builders and here companies, beer tent. Today only, noon onwards, Morris dancing, tolk group, theatre companies. Fireworks from the Thomas Tettord Bridge at 9pm. Braunston Manna, Braunston. near Daventry, Northamptonshire (0788 891373), Today. 10.30am-11pm, tomогтоw

• 17th century village exhibition: Last opportunity this year to tour the full-scale sproduction of a 17th century rural namiet inhabited by members of

the Gosport Living History Society, costumed and engaged in a variety of craft activities. Grange Farm, Gosport, Hampshire. Today, tomorrow, £1.50. Booking on 0705 Adventure pursuits festival:

Held in the grounds of an early 16th century house. Displays racing, mountain biking. archery, ballooning, computerised laser games and, on the lake, let-skiing, windsuring and canoeing. House and garden

Deene Park, Corby, Northamptonshire. Today, tomorrow, 9.30am-5.30pm, £2.50, accompanied child under 12

 Hop-picking weekend and Maidstone beer festival: See festival today only. Coptree Manor Park, Sandling, Maidstone (0622 763936). Today, tomorrow, 10am-6pm, £1.50,

Corsham festivat: Six-day resuval with a children's puppet workshoo, artists and craftsmen. open studios throughout the town, and gardens open to the public. Corsham, various venues Wiltshire. Today until Sept 15. booking office, 21 Prospect,

Woodbridge regatta: Events include skulling, swimming, display, tug-of-war, stalls and Woodbridge, Suffolk, tomorrow

e Jazz in the parts Outdoor concert with Acker Bilk, Kenny Ball

or otherwise, with a baby.

Mrs Wilford says good puppies need cost no more than between £125 and £150. "1 would never advise paying more than £200 for an eight-

SANDY BISP

● Purther information from the secretary, Parson Jack Russell Terrier Club, Pirton House, Pirton, near Wadborough, Wores WR8 9E1 (1905 821440), and from the Kennel Club, 1 Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London W1Y 8AB.

Clumber Park, near Worksop, Nottinghamshire (0909 476592). Today, 7.30pm, £8.50.

 Croquet weekend: The East
Anglian Federation tournament
final. Refreshments.
Ickworth, Horringer, near Bury
St Edmunds, Suffolk (028 488 270).
Temporary 10em 40m 81. Tomorrow, 10am-4pm, £1. Craft festival: Wide range of

walks through mature woodland and around lake. Felbrigg Hall, Felbrigg, near Cromer, Norfolk (026375 444). Today, tomorrow, 11am-

 March Haigh guided walk;
 Take a packed lunch for this walk which takes in the packhorse road, Pennine Way and fine mooriand views. Meet at Marsden station, Marsden Moor, West Yorkshire Tomorrow, 10am.

NEXT WEEK

Widecombe fair: One of Britain's most famous traditional village and agnouttural fairs. Widecombe in the Moor, Devon. Tues, all day.

Farm explorer walks: See how National Trust properties in Cumbna are managed. Tues, Yew Tree Farm, Coniston. Wed, Stool End Farm, head of Langdale. Both walks begin 2pm, lasting 2-2% hours, £1, locally

siandostea. • 1812 Night: Concert with the Falklands band of the Parachute Redoubt Fortress, Royal Parade, Eastpourne (0323 420300). Fri, doors open 7pm, concert 8pm, £3.80, child £3.30.

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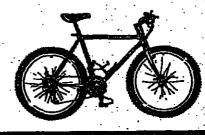
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patriates know where to shop for consolation in Britain. With a little guidance, Francophiles can join in: check the time on your Cartier watch, lie back on the Le Corbusier chaise longue with a Duralex tumbler of Perrier, turn that Piaf record a little louder, et vive la France...

 It is said that Chanel No 5 was the only thing Marilyn Monroe ever wore in bed. Coco Chanel presented the perfume to the world in 1921. The bottle, designed by the French artist, Sem, was exhibited in New York's Museum of Modern Art in 1959, and has never altered. Today. the world's favourite fragrance costs from £35 for 7ml of parfum and £26 for 5ml of eau de parfum, from leading department stores.

 Babar, the elephant, is one of France's most endearing cartoon characters. Created in 1931 by Jean de Brunhoff, the painter, and developed by Laurent, his son, King Babar appears in almost 40 books. Best Babar source to date is the Couran Shop, which has a painted, wooden Babar pullalong car (£15.95). Babar in a plane (£18.50), Babar in a pram (£14.94), Babar musical box (£32), and Babar and friends egg cups (£11.50 each). The Conran Shop, 81 Fulham Road, London SW3 (071-589 7401).

 Every crêpe suzette pan has a silver lining at the French Kitchen Shop, where woodenhandled 2mm copper crépe pans cost £37.88 (8in), £47.61 (10in), £53.72 (12in).

The French Kitchen Shop, 42 Westbourne Grove, London W2 (071-221 2112).

● What could be more covetably French than a classic, padded Chanel bag with gilt chain? The first Chanel bags, designed in the Thirties. were made in tweed. Today's versions, designed by Karl Lagerfeld, are quilted and individually hand-finished. Available in three sizes in leather, crocodile, ostrich, satin or jersey, they cost between £415 and £1,000.

Chanel, 36 Old Bond Street, dan W1 (071-493 5040) and 31 Stoane Street. (071-235 6631).

 Antique French champagne glasses, dated around 1860, cost £350 for a set of five at Richard Kihl. Silver-plated tastevins (wine tasters) range in price from £19.50 to £45, while contemporary La Rochère glasses cost £5 for a white wine glass, £7.50 for a red wine glass and £9.50 for a very large burgundy glass. Richard Kihl (Wine .

Accessories), 164 Regent's Park Road, London NW1 (071-580 3338).

• Provisions such as honey. jam, oils, herbs and mustard, all imported from Fauchon, the famous Parisian foodstore, are stocked at Saveurs de Paris. Jeroboams offers 120

WENDY Ramshaw likes to

think "that on any one day women in various parts of the

world are putting on my jewellery, and that it is giving

them pleasure".

Ms Ramshaw has been at

the forefront of jewellery de-

sign for more than 20 years,

and has inspired and intrigued

her customers with distinctive

pieces in a variety of materi-

als, including paper and plas-

tics, glass, ceramics and bird

feathers, gold, plaunum and

visual arts, which keep push-

"I'm interested in all the

precious stones.

come through.

le pique-nique, and the Elizabeth Street branch also sells

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Saveurs de Paris, 6 Heath Street, London NW3 (071-431 0976); Jeroboams, 24 Bute Street, London SW7 (071-225 2232) and 51 Elizabeth Street, London SW1 (071-823 5623).

• French cafe-style lighting is available in six sizes of spheriglobe at Christopher Wray's Lighting Emporium. Prices range from £5.50 to Christopher Wray's Lighting Emporium, 600 King's Road, London SW6 2DX (071-736 8434).

Tintin and Astérix are the best-loved characters in French comic art. La Page stocks these and 1,500 other examples of the genre along with classic French literature. Hardback French versions of Tintin and Asterix cost £4.95; softback English translations, £2.95. The shop also has a wide selection of French

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French lessons: coffee from a green cup, a croissant opened with your Auvergue shepherd's knife, Chanel, Tintin and Babar

The latest chair from Philippe Starck, enfant terrible of the design world, is an exercise purchasers' specifications in a in colourful plastic. It has a polypropylene seat and front legs, with a tubular steel back rest and rear legs. It is made by French floral pattern, with chrome, nickel or brass trims.

Ovens and burners are gas or choice of black, grey, coral,

Boucherie Lamartine, the authentic French deli. Selections of prepared food from the Roux Brothers range from terrines and Coquilles St Jacques to pates and cassoulets. Boucherie Lamortine, 229 Ehury Street, London SW1 (071-730 4175). Lounge in style with the

meat and vegetables in

help of the Thirties classic chaise longue in chrome and black leather by Le Corbusier. the adopted Frenchman. Nineties re-editions of the original, imported from Italy by SCP, cost £995.

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Albert museum. Ms Ramshaw

then turned her skills to the creation of precious jewellery.

winning numerous awards. Many of her designs are very

large - rings which cover half

the hand or ruff-sized neck-

laces. Yet despite its size, the

jewellery is surprisingly light

Several themes recur. The

concept of a set of individual

rings, which can be worn

together in various combina-

tions, separately or in small

groups, is echoed by pairs of

earrings whose parts can be re-

AN EXHIBITION covering

Ms Ramshaw's work from

1965 to 1990 has opened in

the Festival Hall's main foyer.

This contains six new pieces

which Ms Ramshaw has de-

signed for herself - a luxury

she rarely allows. These range

from the complexity of an

earning in 16 sections to the

simplicity of a necklace

comprising individual hoops

of silver, brass, copper and

Also on show is the latest of

arranged.

and comfortable to wear.

Originals: Wendy Ramshaw, jeweller

A geometrical progression

from the Quimper pettery in Brittany are on sale at Liberty.

 Delightfully decorative and Sabatier knives, used by instantly recognisable pieces professional French chefs. need to be treated with tender loving care or their carbon sicel blades will soon grow Small jugs cost from £15.50, side plates £17.50, breakfast cups with saucers £18.95, cake rusty. Prices start at £11.80. Richard Dare, 93 Regent's Park Read, London NW10,

NICOLE SWENGLEY chain ending with a finger ring. This enabled an owner to

Sweet smell of rising prices

From classic to art nouveau, the market in posy holders is blooming

LONG after posies of sweet- dance with the holder swingsmelling flowers and herbs ing free. had been carried in the hope of fresh flowers.

The ingenuity of the 19th during its second half the posy posy holder is between 4in and holder evolved, enabling flowers to be kept moist and fresh made for little girls.

without dresses being spoilt. The holders are often made of sil-

ver, or silver gilt filigree, and may incorporate glass containers. Other precious and semiprecious materials were pressed into decorative service including enamel, porcelain, coral and mother-of pearl, seed pearls and beads of turquoise or paste. British examples were often made in Birmingham but. because the silver was not always of a high standard and was often too fragile to stand testing. comparatively tew are halimarked. Others were made in Vienna, and in the United States where they were known as "tussic-

mussies", tussie

being an old word for nosegay, and

some of them for retaining moisture. There are two or three basic shapes - the cornet, the cornucopia and the umbrella - which were related but were infinitely variable. There was generally a carrying handle or slim stem which would hold the stalks and might end in a Gothic holder with a cornucocurve or loop. Then there might be a pin on a delicate chain which would either secure the flowers in the

holder or serve as an attach-

ment to the dress, and there

was sometimes another thin

Obviously such things warding off the plague, it could not be put down convebecame fashionable for ladies miently and a type was develto wear or carry nosegays of oped in which the handle was made of three sprung legs which folded out to form a century was boundless, and stand. The usual length for a 6in, but smaller versions were

As one would expect of the



Blooming: 1868 posy holder (£350-£450)

mussie probably a nonce word Victorians, styles are thorreferring to the moss used in oughly mixed. There are simple, neo-classic cornets and renaissance and baroque revivals, the latter often incorporating pearls, writhing art

Five years ago, holders of the better type were selling for between £100 and £140. Earlier this summer an elaborate pia-like shape sold for £605 at Christie's South Kensington. and a number of others went for between £300 and £550. No doubt in another five years collectors will be saying: "If only I'd bought in 1990 . . .

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French provisions such as oils, herbs and jam are imported from Fauchon in Paris

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ing me in one direction and then another," she says.
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She was born in Sunderland and often visited the town's museum, where relies of shipbuilding - propellors, reflectors from the lighthouse lired her imagination.

Later, she studied illustration and fabric design in spex. A small commercial venture followed, set up with David Watkins, her husband, jewellery, including wooden



at that time a jazz musician and now the professor of iewellery and metalwork at the Royal College of Art. Their firm. Optik Art, specialised in screen-printed, black and white geometric designs which Newcastle upon Tyne. In the sold to dozens of boutiques Statics, she began experiment- and chain stores. Success led ing with spray paint on Per- to the founding of a new company, Something Special, which manufactured fashion

bead necklaces for Biba. But competitors were always hard on their heels, so the couple decided to work with paper an idea which grew out of their knowledge of printing. It was cheap, throwaway and suited the mood of the moment. Best of all, the skills required were initially quite foreign to the fashion jewellery industry. Modelled at the time by tashion jewellery industry.

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Wendy Ramshaw Jewellery: From Paper to Gold is at the Festival Hall until October 7.

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Return of the reluctant maestro

Sir Colin Davis, back at Covent Garden, detests charisma and has no interest in

power. Profile by Richard Morrison

hen Sir Colin Davis enters the Covent Garden pit on Monday to open the Royal Opera's new with Turandot, he will be back where some people think he should always have been: right at the centre of British musical life. Strangely, his career record says with players. And when he sucthat this is exactly where he has been. He was music director of Sadler's Wells Opera, chief conductor of the BBC Symphony Orchestra, then for 15 years music

director of the Royal Opera.
Yet the British musical establishment still regards Davis as a peripheral figure. He is an outsider, uncomfortable with the culture club" that runs London's arts, and downright intolerant of the charisma industry surround-

ing top conductors.
Nobody doubts his profound musicianship - nobody except, perhaps, those who think that a great performance should be like a great breakfast cereal, and go snap, crackle and pop with every attitude to this. But the real test is mouthful. He made his name by am I still here? Since I am, it mouthful. He made his name by conducting Mozart like an angel (significantly, his big break came when deputising for Klemperer in Don Giovanni in 1959). Then came his famous championing of Berlioz, his bold forays into Wagner, his oddly paced but deeply considered Beethoven, his pioneering of Tippett, his revival

of Sibelius . . . the list goes on.

And with each triumph, his reputation abroad soared. He was the first Englishman to conduct at Bayreuth. Reliable sources say he was offered the conductorships of the Boston Symphony Orchestra before Ozawa, the Cleveland Orchestra before Dohnányi and, most recently, the New York Philharmonic before Masur. He declined them all: too glamorous. Instead, he conducts an orchestra with a much lower international profile: the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra in Munich Under Davis's direction, it has

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become one of Europe's finest. So why does Davis's reputation have bred disdain if not contempt. Weybridge-born Colin Davis was a very ordinary clarinettist; he then just about survived as a freelance player in the mid-1950s. When he did get conducting breaks, former colleagues did not always respect his new status.

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"Colin obviously wanted to do things in a very friendly way," says one. "It didn't work, Big-time conductors cannot be comradely ceeded Solti at Covent Garden, his Englishness was a handicap. Someone who shouts in a foreign accent always gets served quicker in a shop."

Davis still refuses to play the dictator. "I detest all that charisma stuff. It leads to unmusical things like the pursuit of power. The older I get, the more wary I am of power. It is a beastly ingredient in our society.

"If the players respect you as a musician, there's no need to pursue power unless you want to build an empire. One has known instances of conductors doing that, of course, I have been criticised all my life for my suggests I am dealing with orchestras in a way they accept."

But his rehearsal methods courteous but often intensely searching and laced with philosophy - do seem to work better on German and American players than on their more prosaic British counterparts. "Wherever possible, he reaches out for a religious aspect to the music," says one violinist. "Some players don't always reach out with him."

Nor do many British musicians share Davis's taste for metaphysical reading matter. Hermann Hesse, Herman Broch, Nikos Kazantzakis. These were the authors, Davis says, which helped him stabilise his life in the mid-1960s, when his first marriage ended and he went through a spiritual and professional crisis.

Is he upset if players do not share his musical vision? "I don't expect them to. I only hope they share it while they are playing - or if not, do what is necessary to lay seem least secure in his own out the work. Musicians are often country? Early on, familiarity may criticised for being anti-intellectual, and I'm sure we are: But that is because we have to live on our senses. We must react so fast -- too played in the Household Cavalry fast for thought. The musician has band during his National Service, ... to be like a small animal, con- Yet Davis conducted a trium-



Back in the limelight: "Opera conducting is about learning to get on with all sorts of people, how to keep a big apparatus together."

stantly relying on nerve-ends and

lightning reflexes." Davis's dealings with British musicians may have been prickly at times, but his relationship with managements and the Press has been equally difficult. His Covent Garden tenure began with boos for the asinine reason that he was not Solui - and ended the same way, because Davis typically chose to go out in 1986 with a Fidetio of vintage weirdness: Andrei Serban's "angels on stilts" staging. Davis's early planning at the Garden, moreover, was effectively torpedoed by Sir Peter Hall's abrupt departure from the vital director of productions post.

phantly provocative Ring and a dozen other classic productions in his Royal Opera era. How does he now regard that period? "Well, it's very difficult when you are working in any organisation with board members who don't necessarily know anything about music, even if they 'like music'. There is a great gulf between the layman who enjoys music and the rather boring, fanatical musician who lives and breathes music. But you know, it never came to terrible

upheavals. In any case, it is probably true that tension is a necessary function of creativity." Davis believes that the operahouse years were vital to his development. "Opera conducting

is about learning how to get on with all sorts of people, how to keep a big apparatus together. That is the way the older generation did it. They emerged from the opera house seasoned and crusty, and then they began to conduct symphonies! These days, it seems back to front. The fact that I did it the old-fashioned way may have had some bearing on my being accepted in Germany."

His German connection stretches also to the venerable Dresden Staatskapelle. "I'm as vain as the next man; it gives me a certain gratification that the strongholds of music tradition are prepared to work with me. Dresden. Vienna. Munich: they have

fine orchestras, better conditions than we have, and a wonderful attitude to music-making."

For a great musician who is uninterested in material goals and totally occupied by his family (five children by his second marriage) and his art, it is certainly apt that Davis should have found so much appreciation in south Germany, close to where most of his musical gods were born. At 62, he says he is not interested in holding another major British conducting appointment, though the family continues to live in Highbury. How has he changed over the years? "I was a very with and arrogant young man. Perhaps I am now a wild and arrogant old man."

Clearly a fine reading

PROMS

Cleveland/Dohnányi Albert Hall/Radio 3

THIS second Cleveland Prom was again distinguished by the cool fineness and clarity of the playing. The orchestra's lucidity in Schoenberg's Piano Concerto brought out, and perhaps even exaggerated, the gracefulness of this late score, with delicate blendings and a serene, airy poise, producing a surface confidence that skipped over harmonic troubles and controlled the viciousness that breaks out in the middle of the piece.

The solos could have said more, but perhaps the players were daunted by having to deliver a score of chamber orchestra intimacy in this hall. Mitsuko Uchida overcame this by drawing one's ears almost inside the piano through her intense thoughtful-ness. She offered Schoenberg as successor to Mozart rather than to Brahms or Liszt: a subtle. nimble and occasionally playful cascade of notes, not masking or unmasking an essential seriousness. There was no rhetoric here: the big gestures were as carefully considered and projected as the rest, and the virtuosity was one of insight

and devotion.

Bruckner's Seventh Symphony. as might have been predicted, lost rather more than the Schoenberg did from Christoph von Dohnanyi's crispness and speed. There were moments that came off wonderfully, like the march towards the climax of the slow movement, with violin figures rushing about as if trying to escape at each step from an implacable progress. But this work ought to be more than a chain of more or less remarkable episodes. It also found the orchestra's superbness beginning to falter.

The late concert afterwards, given by the BBC Singers under John Poole, was a disappointment. Frank Martin's Mass is an early piece whose life should be in church; Alfred Schninke's Requiem turned out to be one of his gruesome, self-destructive jour-neys into musical horror, banality and tackiness. Rather as in the Bruckner, although much more rarely, there were moments of wonder, such as the soft, cloudy chord on "sempiternam" in the Agnus Dei. But Schnittke's general willingness here to be robustly dreadful is hard to take in the appropriate ironic spirit.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

Still kept apart by the anger

THEATRE My Children, My Africa

Lyttelton

THERE is a widespread feeling, in and out of that benighted country, that the prospects for South Africa are getting brighter. Is not the ANC renouncing violence, the National Party opening its ranks to blacks, and apartheid disappearing? Well, a main purpose of Athol Fugard's latest play is to shatter precipitate optimism. The anger in those townships is too deep, the alienation of the young too extreme. Necklacing is still higher on the political agenda than

The play begins hopefully. Lisa Fugard's Isabel, who is white, young and liberal, is in a black school debating women's lib with its star pupil, Rapulana Sciphemo's Thami. So successful is the visit that the local Mr Chips, John Kani's "Mr M", persuades them jointly to enter a nationwide quiz. What could be more healing, more symptomatic of the "new" South

The rest of the evening is a dramatic debate involving these three characters. In dialogue and monologue they reveal their back-grounds, beliefs, hopes and fears. becoming a bit repetitive in the process. Fugard himself directs, using a set too stark to distract us for a moment from his words Many in the audience must have wished that his creative kit contained secateurs, for trimming his

earnest outpourings.
Yet it is not just for his punditry that Fugard is regarded as his country's greatest dramatist. The bonds between his characters turn

Mr M's traditionalism; distancing turn him into an informer. himself from Isabel as he does so. Soon the schoolmaster is alone, doggedly ringing his bell in defi-ance of a classroom boycoit that evolves into a riot. Fugard's debate becomes increasingly immediate and, by the end, vastly

Throughout, he seems comndably determined less to judge his characters, more to allow them emphatically to express their own points of view. In Lisa Fugard's bubbling performance, Isabel's determination to crash the race barriers, and open herself to what is on the other side, is almost

too apparent Nor does the admirable Seiphemo let us doubt the conscientious passion of Thami's renunciation of the schoolroom for the education of the guerrilla camp. We are not allowed to reject Mr M because he does the

out to be perilously fragile. Thami unforgiveable, and lets principled frets, then openly rebels, against contempt for student militancy

Yet there is a problem here that remains unresolved by Fugard's text of by the odd mixture of vanity and enthusiasm, primness and glee that Kani brings to the role of Mr M. He claims to be opening African minds, building African culture, subverting the official curriculum; but it is Jane Austen, Dickens and the Lake poets who seem principally to absorb him and his pupils. Yet to Fugard he is not a hypocrite but a hero, "a beautiful human being", the victim of circumstances.

If this is confusing, however, the final thrust of Fugard's play is not. In South Africa it is not only the good and bad who are in conflict. The good, better and best are sometimes hopelessly divided from each other. The nation's progress, it seems, has far to go.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Rapulana Sciphemo as Thami and Lisa Fugard as Isabel

THEATRE Sir Thomas More Shaw -

THE authorship of this long-lost Elizabethan play reads like a fancy firm of bill brokers - Munday. Cheule, Dekker, Heywood and Shakespeare - and the evidence suggests that its completion was fraught with as many hazards as a day in the money market.

Interesting as the play proves to be - and it is a shapely piece of drama until censorship eviscerates the second half - its greater claim to fame is that the manuscript has survived. Even more informative than the three pages presumed to be in Shakespeare's hand are the revisions, pasted inserts and lines scored out in obedience to the stern command of the Master of the Revels, the Elizabethan censor, whose comments are written

across the first page. He chiefly objected to the scene where More quells a London mob detail. The balance of voices

aliens, who are undercutting their prices and making off with their women. Clearly, such things had not changed since More's day, since Munday's first draft coincided with another uprising of citizens voicing the same grievance. Originally French, the nationality of the aliens had to be changed to Lombards, and Shakespeare was brought in to alter the tone of More's speeches.

The first scenes show More coming to the attention of the king. He is merry, befriends the poor, plays tricks on colleagues. and is not above stepping into the performance of a play within the play, enacting the role of Good Counsel and rhyming "hither" and "with her", unusually daring

for the time. Set against a soaring brick wall of realistically rough surfaces (designer: Emma Ryon), Michael Walling's direction marshalls his mob cleverly, exploits the different stage levels and animates the speeches with neatly pointed

noting against the presence of against riot noise, however, is not as successful.

Ken Bones gives an intelligent. likeable performance as More, vocally wide-ranging with a mellow vibrato when his arguments reach their peroration. He also makes as good a job as possible of More's fall, his drily witty voice revealing resolution, and a touch of fear, as he mounts the scaffold.

But the authors dared not mention the reason for More's resistance to the king, because Ann Boleyn was Queen Elizaboth's mother. It is as though Hamlet were edited to omit Gertrude's marriage: Watching characters stepping over this gaping hole has its curiosity value, but true drama vanishes.

All credit, however, to Walling's Stage One company for resurrecting a famously neglected work. Paul Aves. John Pine and Tim Hudson, Martin Head and Andrew Melville give life to more than a score of nobles, citizens and

JEREMY KINGSTON | peasant life with a narrative style

MONTREAL FILM FESTIVAL

Actresses excel on the world screen

film about teenagers with the their last summer at cancer, spending what may camp together, does not sound like a crowd-pleaser. That was the story of Princes in Exile, a film by Canadian director Giles Walker, one of many surprises at the Montreal Film Festival. One of three Canadian films to win awards at the festival (with Imaginary Tale and Blizzard), it earned Joe Wiesenfeld the best screenplay award.

The Montreal Festival, the only Grade A film festival in North America, screens a wide range of films from all over the world. Among the 250 shown were special sections on Chinese and Latin American cinema and a third featuring banned films from Eastern Europe.

Many films receive their North American première here; which, for Europeans, means a chance to see again films already screened at Cannes or at one of the other European festivals. Other films have been around for some time such as Ballard of the Yellow River, for which Teng Wenji received the best director award.

The festival also shows dozens of world premières. This is No Way to Live, a Russian documentary tracing the development of the Soviet social system, won the festival award for director Stanislas Govoroukhin. Also included were Phil Joanou's State of Grace (with Sean Penn and Gary Oldman) and Tacchella's Dames Galantes, about a womanising provincial gentleman in 16thcentury Europe.

The best actor award was shared by Marcel Leboeuf, a popular Canadian entertainer for his performance in Rafales. and Andres Pajares for his role in Carlos Saura's Spanish Civil War comedy, Ay Carmela! Neither actor gave a striking performance. Indeed, Ay Carmela! featured a stronger performance from Carmen Maura as Carmela

In many ways, it was a festival of actresses, with many excelling in strong leading roles. Vying for the best actress award were Claudia Cardinale as the mother of a beroin addict in Pasquale Squitieri's poignant film. Atto Di Dolore, and Katharina Thalbach in the German thriller, The Eighth Day (rather as if The Boys From Brazil met the New German Cinema). But the winner was Natalia Goundareva for her role in Leonid Menaker's Dog's Feast.

The critics chose Landscape with a Woman as the best film (it also won a special grand jury prize). The sole directorial project by Ivica Matic, only completed several years after his death in 1976, this stunning work is a homage to naive painting, viewing

as simple as the paintings which

inspired it. From a disappointing list of films in the official competition (Britain's entry, David Leland's The Big Man, was rumoured to be too violent for some of the judges) the winner of the Best Film Award, a popular choice, was a Spanish-Peruvian co-production, Fallen From Heaven, directed by Francesco Lombardi, which entwined three separate stories into a stark study of Peruvian society.

There were other delights in and out of the competition. Don Juan My Dear Ghost by the Spanish director Antonio Mercero is a resolutely commercial film that had the entire audience bursting into applause within seconds of the opening credits - which were sung rather than written. The story is about Don Juan returning to earth to atone for his sins, and becoming embroiled with a theatre troupe performing a play about his life. The comedy is broad — bumbling cops, mistaken identity, punctured vanity: a cross between the Pink Panther and

Out of competition. Tempting the Devil, by Montenegrin director Zivko Nikolic also had its knockabout moments but was a more complex work. Assured storytelling about family feuds in a remote village in Montenegro led to funny and touching moments but the film suffered from the unlikely behaviour of its central character, a local boy who returns to his village after 30 years in America but disguises his identity.

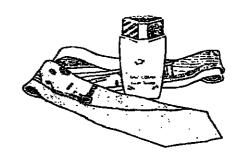
ersonal and political merged in the Portuguese film *The* King's Trial. The story of the intrigue surrounding the at-tempts to dethrone King Alfonso of Portugual on the grounds that he did not consummate his marriage, the film is sumptuously photographed and the narrative proceeds in a stately and solemn way. Director Joao Mário Grilo, who teaches film history at Lisbon's new university, should have a hit on his hands.

The American competition entry was Jon Jost's magnificent All the Vermeers in New York. The Seventies avant-gardist uses wonderful images and a moody jazz score to chart the story of Anne, an actress, and a Wall Street broker who takes refuge from New York life in observing Vermeer's

Finally. Enid is Sleeping, an American film by British director Maurice Phillips, has all the makings of a cult comedy success. Elizabeth Perkins and the underrated Judge Reinhold try to dump the murdered body of his wife (her sister); it is Blood Simple played

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SATURDAY'S TELEVISION & RADIO

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infant Muppets (r) 8.15 The 8.15 from Manchester. Children's entertainment presented by Charlotte Hindle and Ross King. The team finds out what happens when the police, fire brigade or ambulance ervices respond to a 999 call, and Ross talks to Lindy Layton and Janet Kay of Beats International 10.55 Burlyip.

Cartoon series 11.00 Film: Flipper (1963) starring Chuck Connors, Luke Halpin and Kathleen Maguire. Wholesome family tale of Sandy, a fisherman's young son, who helps an injured dolphin he finds near his home in the Florida Keys and the pair become firm friends. But the family business is in serious trouble, so Sandy knows he will find it hard to convince his father to keep Flipper. Directed by James B. Clark. (Cesfax) 12.27 Weather 12.30 Grandstand introduced by

Desmond Lynam. The line-up is (subject loalteration): 12.35 Football: England manager Graham Taylor talks to John Motson about his plans for the international season; 12.50 Athletics: action from the Athen grand prix; 1.05 News; 1.10, 2.20 and 3.05 Golf: coverage of the third round of the Panasonic European Open from Sunningdale; 1.40, 2.10 and 2.40 Racing from Haydock Park and the Curragh; the 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races from Haydock and the 3.00 from the Curragh; 1.50 Motor Racing: the Birmingham superprix, the tenth round of the Esso Britisl touring cars championship; 4.00 Final

5.00 News with Moira Stuart. Weather 5.10 Regional News and Sport. Wales: 5.10-6.00 Wales on Saturday

5.15 Neighbours 1,000th Episode Celebration. A special programme to mark the 1,000th episode of the bewilderingly successful Australian soap which will be screened on Thursday.

6.00 The Noel Edmonds Saturday Roadshow, Noel Edmonds finds himself in an enviable position when the Roadshow visits the vaults of the Bank of England

8.45 Every Second Counts. Paul Daniels returns with a new series of the game

7.20 Russ Abbot. With Lisa Maxwell and Bella Emberg in support, the Tommy Cooperish funnyman crashes his way through another raft of sketches and revives long-running characters such as CU Jimmy and Basildon Bond (Ceefax)
7.50 All Creatures Great and Small:

Knowin' How To Do It. Christopher Timothy and Robert Hardy star in the enjoyable Yorkshire vet saga based on the James Hemot novels. (Ceefax) 8.40 in Sickness and in Health. Raucous

comedy featuring the bigored West Ham supporter, Alf Garnett. Alf is surprisingly ungrateful when Mrs Hollingbery takes a job in order to pay for their wedding, and the longer he contemplates his situation, the less reason he sees to continue with life. With Warren Mitchell and Carmel McSharry. (Ceefax)
9.10 News with Michael Buerk. Sport and

weather

9.30 Film: High Plains Drifter (1972).

● CHOICE: It is easy to see High Plains

Onter as a simple recycling of the spaghetti westerns which had rescued Clint Eastwood's career from the anonymity of his early Hollywood period. Here is Eastwood the director putting Eastwood the actor through a iar routine. Here again is the



Self-parodying: Clint Eastwood (9.30pm)

laconic, mysterious stranger with no name and little dialogue, riding into town and violently doing what a man's gotta do. But in drawing on the basic elements of A Fistful of Dollars and the rest, with just a hint of self-perody, Eastwood was doing more than appropriating a plot and an edgy, baroque style. He was offering a contemporary American treatment of the western myth, in which the old certainties had gone and distinctions between good and bad, right and wrong were no longer sustainable. No for nothing is the town renamed Hell.

11.10 Rory Bremner. Rory Bremner displays his impressionist talents (r) 11.40 Film: Rehearsal for Murder (1984) starring Robert Preston, Lynn Redgrave and Jeff Goldblum. A compelling made for lelevision thriller in which playwright Alex Dennison invites a group of actors to a reading of his lates olay, hiding the fact that the occasion is not simply an audition, but an attempt to discover who killed his fiancée, a death the police treated as suicide. Directed by David Greene 1.15am Weather

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6.00 TV-am 9.25 Motormouth 3: The first of a new series of the children's entertainment show. Among the quests are Adamski and Caron Wheeler of Soul II Soul. There is also a look behind the scenes at the making of the senal The w Adventures of Black Be 11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The Vintage Video slot features Los Lobos

12.30 Huckleberry Firm and His Friends. ian Tracey and Sammy Snyders star as Mark Twain's troublesome twosome. growing up on the banks of the Mississippi River 1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather

1,05 LWT News and weather
1.10 Saint and Greavsie. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves review the football week and look forward the weekend games and to Graham Taylor's debut. match as England's manager on Wednesday 1.40 Sportsmasters, Dickie Davies

continues to look for the country's ultimate sportsmaster - and chooses some of the quickest sporting brains as challengers 2.10 Sail 90: Cowes Week. Highlights of

one of the leading events in the yachting calendar. Presented by Gareth 3.10 Film: Cone of Silence (1960, b/w) starring Peter Cushing, Bernard Lee and Gordon Jackson, Passable suspense frama from an old Ealing director Charles Frend about an experienced

pilot who inexplicably crashes his plane. When he later dies in a similar

accident, his daughter launches an

5.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 5.05 LWT News and weather 5.15 The New Adventures of Black

Beauty: Breaking In. Series based on ... Anna Sewell's classic children's novel, set at the turn of the century. Vicky and her stepmother Jenny are treated warily by their new equine mend. They in turn are having doubts about whether they can afford to keep Manfred, their erratic but eager young cook. Starting Amber iams, Stacy Doming and Villiam Lucas

5.45 Baywatch: Old Friends. Bronzed bodies, sun and sand in this glossy. superficial series about the lifeguards of Los Angeles County. While hang gikting on a mountain trip, Mitch and Craig become trapped in a ravine and their friend Gamer seems to be the only hope of rescue. Starring

Devid Hasselhoff. (Cracle)

6.40 Catchphrase. High-tech quiz.
hosted by Roy Walker, in which quickwitted contestants set out to win cash prizes by solving the phras cash puces by sowing the phrases appearing on an enimated board 7.10 Beadle's About. A compilation of Jeremy Beadle's many childish pranks which he has played on unsuspecting victims who do not seem to mind being made to look

extremely foolish
7.40 Film: Diamonds Are Forever (1971). Non-stop, over-the-top action starring Sean Connery, Jill St John and Lana Wood: James Bond's search for a conniving diamond racketeer forces him to smuggle 50,000 carats of stolen diamonds to Los Angeles. His task takes him to a Los Angeles gambling dens in Las Veges. Directed by Guy Hamilton. (Oracle)

9.50 News with Sue Carpenter. Sport and weather 10.05 LWT Weather 10.10 An Audience with . . . Victoria Wood. The multi-talented consc. writer and chanteuse Victoria Wood entenains a star audience with her unique style of humour. Her subjects include the honors of shooping, the lun of camping under the stars and

there is a saucy song about her romanuc experiences (r) 11.10 Film: Planet of the Apes (1967) starring Charlton Heston, Rooldy McDowall and Kim Hunter Superior science fiction adventure which spawned several sequels and a television series. A group of astronauts crash land on a planet where apes

rule, and are rounded up to be used in scientific experiments. Directed by Franklin Schaffner. Followed by News headines 1.10am The Time Tunnel: One Way to the Moon. Doug and Tony find themselves on board a spaceship heading towards Mars: Starring James Darren and Robert Colbert (r)

2.10 Coach. American comedy series about a college football coach. This week Hayden is furious when Kelly's boylmend interrupts their traditional celebration diriner for Kelly's birthday. Starring Craig T. Nelson and

Clane Carev 2.40 American College Football, Fast-moving action should be guaranteed as the Texas Longhorns take on the Colorado Buffaloes

3,40 With Steam Up. A musical intedude. 4.00 The Hit Man and Her. Pete Waterman and Michaela Straction introduce the best dance music from the country's top clubs.

5.00 ITN Morning News with Christabel King. Ends at 6.00

BBC2

6.50 Open University: Maths - And So On.... 7.15 Social Problems and Social Welfare 7.40 Maths: The Location Problem 8.05 Operating Systems 8.30 The Social Primate: Growing Up 8.55 The Export of Pollution 9.20 Light on Lesers 9.45 School of the Future? 10.10 Living with Technology: Oil 10.35 Chile in the International System 11.00 The "User Friendly" School 11.25 Kafka and His World 11.50 Maths: Goodness of Fit 12.15 Probing the Structure of Liquids 12.40 Art in 15th Century Italy 1.05 Mastering Management 1.30 Modern Art: Greenberg on Criticism 1.55 The Effective Manager 2.20 Attitudes: The Second Handicap

2.45 Network East. In the second of five programmes presenting some of the finest Indian performers, the theatre group Yakshagana, from the state of Kamataka, perform part of the epic The Mahabharat entitled Abhimanyu's Fate, set on the battlefield of Kurukshetrawhere the Pandavas and

the Kauravas face each other 3.25 Film: Sister Kenny (1948, b/w) Uplifting story, based on fact, about a young Australian nurse (Rosalind Russell) who, against the odds, piones Russell) who, against the odds, pionee the treatment of polio for children in the bush. The medical establishment condemns her methods, but she eventually moves to America to continue her work there. Directed by Dudley

5.15 Film: Battle Hymn (1956) Rock Hudson plays a real-life clergyman and airforce colonel who believes he can make amends for bombing a German omhanade in the second world war by helping young war victims in Korea. Solid, sentimental biopic, directed by

Douglas Sirk 7.00 Late Again. The first in a weekly series of highlights of *The Late Show* 7.45 NewsView. Today's news with Moira Stuart: Lynette Lithgow reviews the week's news in pictures with

8.30 Designs on Europe. A profile of the Norwegian architect Ame Henriksen, whose designs for utilitarian railway buildings display a wide range of exotic

9.10 Play for Today: Rainy Day Women.

CHOICE: This 1984 dra menace was written by David Pirie and directed by Ben Bolt, the team responsible for a more recent second world war story, Never Come Back. Common to both is the atmosphere of rumour and suspicion that pervaded Britain in the first year of the war, when the country was gripped by invasion scares. Charles Dance plays a shellshocked army captain sent to check out civilian morale in a feniand village. Instead of uncovering a genial Dad's Army he finds a community steeped in evil and fighting a war not so much against the Nazis as its own women. The enemy is within, brutally personified by Ian Hogg's farmer. Suzanne Bertish, as the widow of an internee represents the persecuted and Dance's



Shell-shocked: Charles Dance (9.10pm)

only ally is the doctor (Lindsay Duncan). The suspense is maintained throughout, before giving way to bloody climax which is not designed to make you sleep easily in your beds 10.35 Don Juan. Saucy Swedish version of Molière's play, tapping sources from videos to surrealist art in which the freedom-loving, hedonistic Don is brought up to date in the guise of a rock star played by Thorsten Flinck. in Swedish with English subtitles. Ends

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Comic Book 7.30 International Times 8.00 Transworld Sport 9.00 Charmel 4 Racing: The Morning

9.25 Australian Rules Football presented by Steve Robilliard

10.30 Consuming Passions. The Punch and Judy Show is traced from its origins to its present-day performers (r)
11.00 A Walk up Fifth Avenue, Bernard Levin concludes his stroll up the famous New York street encountering more of the interesting and eccentric people

who live there (r)
1.30 Wagon Train (b/w). Fifties western series. An Irish revolutionary sent to the United States to kill a traitor becomes romantically involved with one of the women on the wagon train. With Ward Bond and Cliff Robertson as

the guest star. 12.30 American Football Red 42 (r) 1.00 Film: The Mating Season (1951, b/w). The splendid Thelma Ritter won an Oscar nomination for her performance as a working-class mother who is mistaken for the maid by her son's wealthy wife, Gene Tierney. She decides to go along with the error so

Tierney's mother turns up. Directed by Mitchell Leisen 2.55 Channel 4 Racing from Kempton Park and the Curragh. Live coverage of the 3.00 race from the Curragh and the 3.15, 3.45, 4.15 and 4.45 races from Kempton Park 5.10 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Teletext)

as not to cause embarrassment. Then

6.30 Right To Reply 7.00 The World This Week introduced by Sheena McDonald and Michael Nicholson Followed by Weather

8.09 Cities at War: Leningrad - The Hero City.

• CHOICE: Of the series of documentaries about cities in the second world war, this is argubely the strongest. Certainly it has the most

atic story to tell. As the Germa tanks rolled into the Soviet Union in the summer of 1941, Leningrad found ilself surrounded and cut off. Its three million inhabitants were trapped without fuel or food. Then came the worst winter for 100 years. With retions three times below starvation level, the people tried to chew leather, out glue on their bread and turned to cannibelism. By January 1942, 100,000 people were dying each month and the streets were littered with corpses. Remarkably there was little panic, no looting, no nots and never any talk of surrender. When the 900-day siege was finally lifted,

Leningrad had more than earned its title of the heroic city. Mixing eye witness accounts with rough-edged news film from the period, the programme rises triumphantly to its theme and is often very moving. (Teletext)

9.00 Hollywood Legands: Gregory Peck CHOICE: This clips and interviews

profile is no more searching than the others in the series, with not much in the way of analysis and everyone falling over themselves to say what a nice guy Pack is. His admirers straddle the generations and include Audrey Hepburn, Anthony Quinn, Jack Lemmon and Jane Fonda. Liza Minnelli calls him the ultimate movie star. At the same time the programme makes a strong case for Peck as an actor of no mean ability who has consistently refused to take the easy road. It reminds us that



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An enemy of Nixon: Gregory Peck (9.00pm

there have been some very good Peck films (not least Gentleman's Agreement, which is being shown on Channel 4 tomorrow) and plenty of exceptions to the standard image of Peck as the handsome upright hero. Perhaps Peck's greatest achievement was being declared an enemy of United States by President Nixon, for daring to produce a film critical of the Vietnam war. (Teletext) 10.00 Film: The Two Lives of Mattia

Pascal (1985) starring Marcello Mastroiannt. A dramatised version of Luigi Pirandello's novel, *The Late Mattia* Pascal, about a wealthy playboy who assumes a new identity when mistakenly believed to be dead. Directed by Mario Monicelli

12.20am The Oprah Winfrey Show. Some of the best moments with past guests including Tom Cruse, Mel Gibson and Dolly Parton (r)

1.10 Poor Man's Orange. The final part of Ruth Park's novel about an irish-Australian family in the affermath of the second world war. Ends at 2.05

4.00 News; The Living World: With the help of marine biologist Sue Hiscock and naturalist

4.30 Science Now with Peter Evens 5.00 Writers Revealed: Rosemary Hartil talks to novelist

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5.25 Two Decades of Weekenzing-Sir David Steel presents a selection of highlights from 20 years of the satirical show (s) (n) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 News; Sports Flound-Up 6.25 Citizens: Omnibus-edition (s) 7.10 In the Psychiatrist's Cheir. In the last oncomme in the

7.10 in the Psychiatrist's Cheir. In the last programme in the series, Dr Anthony Clare talks to poet and novelist. D.M. Thomes (s) (r) 7.45 Saturday-Night Theatre: True: Believers. A political thriller by Mike Walker. Turning his back on his Sikh family, Tony (Dhirendra Kumar) has married an English grid. However, his happiness is threatened by the activities of his brothers (s) 9.15 Music in Mind: Brian Kay with

9.15 Music in Mind: Brian Kay with a selection of maditime melodies (s) 9.50 Ten to Ten led by the Rev Graham James (s) 9.59 Weather 10.00 News

10.00 News
10.15 The Gerdening Quiz hosted by Stefan Buczacki (r)
10.45 The Best Day of My Life: In the final programme of the series, Margenia Lothouse talks to Andy Brown of the Intermediate Technology

Intermediate Technology
Development Group (f)

11.00 The Tingle Factor: Peter
Clayton talks about the music
that sends a shiver up his
spine (s) (r)

11.30 Furmy That Way, Eight classic
comedy profiles with Barry
Cryer, Part 5: Alan Bennett (r)

12.00-12.30am News; incl. 12.20
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RADIO 3

6.35am Open University (FM only) 6.55 Weather and News Headi 7.00 Morning Concert: Rossini Morning Concert Hussia (Overfure, The Silken Ladder: NPO under Chailly); Debussy (Two Arabesques: Kathryn Stott, piano); Sarasate (Carmen Fantasy: NYPO under Mehta)

7.30 News
7.35 Moming Concert (conf): Bizet
(L'Arlésienne, Suite No 1:
French National Orchestra
under Ozawa); Mozart
(Divertimento in F, K 213: Berlin Philharmonic Winds); Ravel (Suite, Mother Goose: Michel Plasson)

8.30 News 8.35 Villers Piano Quartet: Schubert (Adagio and Rondo Concertante in F); Brahms (Quartet in C minor, Op 60) (r)

9.30 Saturday Review with Richard Osborne, Record Review — Building a Library: Edward Seckerson on Mariter's Sanda Surebonn paul Second Symphony; new chamber releases by Stephen Johnson. 10.40 Record Release: Mozart (Sonata in F. Helease: Mozali (Somala in F. K 376: Frank Peter Zimmermann, violin, Alexander Longuich, piano); Schubert (Chartet in D. D 94: Sine Mozale Constant Colonia. Nomine Quartet): Debuss Nomine Quartet); Debussy (Surie bergamasque: Gordon Fergus: Thompson, piano); Bruckner (Infermezzo: Sonare Quartet); Respighi (Feste Romane: NBC SO under Arturo Toscanini); Edward Greenfield talks to members of the Emerson Quartet in F, Op 135: Emerson Quartet) pri News

1.00pm News
1.05 Words: Part 1: Poetry and
Prose. The poet and translat
Adam Czerniawski explains four ways of looking at poetry 1.10 The Guilar in Paris (new senes): Three programmes. Scarlatti (Sonstas, Kk 208 and

Scarlatti (Soneias, Kk 208 and 391); Brotuver (La espiral eterna); Ginastera (Sonata, Op 47); Britten (Nocturna)

1.55 Children's Corner: Fritz Kreisler (The March of Tin Soldiers: Miklos Szenthelyi, violin, Judh Szenthelyi, piano); Faure, orch Henn Robaud (Dolly Suite. Boston SO under Sein Ozawa); Bartok (For Children: Zoltan Koesis, piano), Mozari (A Musical Joke: J.F. Pallerd CO under Jake: J.F. Parliard CO under

NBC SO under Toscanini . perform Verdi's opera in three acts, libretto Arrigo Boito, afte Shakespeare. Sung in Italian 5.00 Jazz Record Requests 5.45 Remembernu How to . Written and performed by the humonst Stephen Potter, the first of three "how" programmes, broadcast in the Forties and Fifties: How to Listen, with Joyce Grenfell Walton conducts the

2.50 Faistaff; Robert Shaw Choral;

Philhermonia Circhestra in music from Facade 6.45 The Chopin Scherzos (Janina Fisikowska, piano)(r)
7.30 Proms 1990: Live from the
Albert Hall, London, BBC Philiparmonic under Rudolf Barshai, with Ernst Kovacic, volin, performs Tchaikovsky (Romeo end Juliet); Britten (Violin Concerto): 8.20 A Strol

in South Kensington. Part 3: The Museum Island. 8.40 Prokofiev (Symphony No 5) 9.30 Wax. ● CHOICE: David Benedictus's gallmautry enunciates what many (including, notably, Ma-Beerbohm) feel about the Tussaud collection — that it is "a profanation of life... a morrors of unstanding morgue of upstanding corpses". If a only a hop, skip and jump, therefore, from these dead glass eyes to the inssons of Vincent Price's House of Wax, the Frenkenstein and Dracula movies, the African wax children who metted in the sun, and the wax crocode of Ancient Egypt which a cuckoid let loose on his wife's lover. A well-researched leature this, although

Benedictus contuses the Frankenstein monster with its creator, and fails to explain exactly how Madama Tussaud came to be an early producer or Promessae concers
9.50 Brahms (Sextet in G. Op 36:
Raphael Ensemble) (f)
10.35 Music from Index Rag Manua
11.25 With Anger and Longing:
Philip Brady explores the
career of the German political

12.00 News 12.05am Close FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/295m;1089kHz/275m;TM-97;8-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1575m;FM-92.4.94.6. Radio 5: 680/905m; World Service: MW-648kHz/465m; Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/267m; FM-97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GL.P: 1456kHz/206m; FM-94.9; Melody FM-104.9: (s) Stereo on FM 5.558m Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing: Weather 6.10 The Foreign Weather 6.10

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British castles and Chris
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guests (s)
11.00 News, Telking Politics: Hairg
Gordon joins David Alton,
Liberati Democrat MP for
Liverpool Mossley Hail, for a
tour of his constituency. tour of his constituency.

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent.
12.00 Today's The Day: The lifth of six programmes reflecting extraordinary days in people's lives. David Cayton and Neil Walker capture the first day of broadcasting for BBC Redio Sulfolk (s).

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senes, John Chapman, Irene Thomas and Denis Norden tell some amazing stories. Hosted by Tim Brooke-Taylor 12.55 Meethers

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and its consequences are recalled by Polity Toynbee and guests, economist Gavin Davis, Peter Shore, MP, and Theresa Gorman, MP (r) 2.30 Play: Hair in the Gate, Jack Lewis returns to his native Newcastle during the second world war to make a morale-boosting film about the heroic shipbuilders. With James

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6.00am World Service: News and

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singer Wolf Seminari 11.55 Ian Breakwell's Diary: Fourteen episodes in which the observed eccentricities of his fellow citizens are read by

3.30 Target 4.30 Those Were the Days 10.00 Red Heat (1988): Slick comedy-thriller

SKY MOVIES 5.00am Showcase, act at 7.20 Entertainment Tonignt 8.00 Young and Free (1976) A young boy learns to tend for ternsell in the American widomess Starring Keith Larsen 10.00 Lensman — The Power of the Lens-10.00 Lensman — The Power of the Lons-Animated statehoe-fiction adventures based on E.E. "Doc." Similh's novele 12.00 The Bravados (1956): Gregory Peck seeks revenge against the four meh who raped and murdered his wife 2.00pm The Goodbye Girl (1979). Starming Richard Dreyfuss, and Marsha Mason. A fading Brostway chorus gri and an aspiring Broadway actor are forced to live logether descule the officernal blestyles. despute their different blestyles 4.00 Dream Date (1988): An over-profect 4.00 bream last (1999; An over-procedule lather shadows his daughter on a clab.

Starring Tempositi Bledece and Clifton Davis 6.00 King Kong Lives (1989; Sequel to the 1976; remake Kong has gone into a coma other taking off the Emprey State Building. Remixed, his sets out in search of a male.

reeviet, he sets out in search of a main-staming Brain Kerwin and Linda Hamilton 7 40 Entertainment Tonight 8 00 The Monstor Squad (1987). Five critisen polities with against the combined fromes of Dracula, Frankenstee, the Mun-

in which two cops, one Russian, the other from Chicago, join forces to track down a Russian chug-dealer. Staming Amoid Schwerzenegger and Jennes Beluste 11.45 Love and Passion The long domaint passants of four evilorars are reawalismed on a Mediterranean island. Staming Nicola Waren and Andy J. Forest 1,15am The Honorary Consult fronti-1,15em The Honorary Consul (1983): Richard Gere and Michael Cane ster at the adaptation of Graham Greene's novel 4.00 Thosa Dear Departed (1987): A murdered actor returns to haumt his wife. Staming Garry McDonald and Pamela Stephenson. Ends 5.25

EUROSPORT 6.00am As Sky One 9.00 Footbal: The Winning Formula 9.30 Motor Racon 10.90 Winning Formula 9:30 Michor Recorp 10:80 Trax 12:00 Weekend Preview 12:30pm Eurosport Liver Golf — Panasonic European Open, Nike Sportsinght, Attiettics; Formula One Grand Prizo (11:biy; Horse Racing — The Artington Million 6:00 Motor Scort 7:00 World Clup Boung 8:30 Surfing 9:30 Motor Racing 10:00 Boung 12:00 Golf

SCREENSPORT 6.00am Tenpin Bowing 7.00 Motor Sport 8.00 Tenpin Bowing 9.00 Tennis 11.00

Spanish Football 1.00pm Meschporm Boxing 3.00 European Religionsis Championstrips 4.00 Powersports 5.00 Aggentinian Football 6.00 lock Bourge 8.00 Weekend Live Box of the following programmes may be subject to light-changes) 9.00 Cutboard Grand Prix 9.30 Weekend Live Show Jumping 11.00 Tengin Bowling 12.15am Spain Span Span 12.30 Weekend Live: American Football 3.30 Spanish Football 5.30 US Pro Boxing

Twenty-four hours at rock and pop LIFESTYLE

12.00 Capters Gallert 12.30pm The Tom Ewell Show 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.30 One Step Beyond 2.00 Championship Rodeo 3.80 Wrestling 4.00 The Edge of Night 8.00 The Self-e-Vision Shopping Channel

BSB: THE MOVIE CHANNEL 11.50am Arise, My Love (1940, b/w): Comedy chama starring Claudette Colbert

world perpetual registrates.

8.00 Roman Holiday, Stanley Top Conti-and Catherine Chephung Remains of the 1953 classic, in which a princes on an official visit to Rome-evades her esports and han the city, and a slice of nominal life, by a newspaper reporter
8.00 Rain Man (1989): A histolog young car
saleamen (from Chuse) goes on a creascountry journey with his extistic brothes;
(Oustin Hoffmen), learning to overcome his own emblanal disabilities en route 10.30 Under Cover (1987). An undercover cop (David Neider) teams up with a female rescoles, officer (Jerenter Jason Leigh) to track down to gang of thus pushess 12. Juan Cross My Heart (1987): A corric-lant at tector's decail mores, diaming Albrim

12-hum Gross way resear, proof production for the following Address described model, element Authorite O'Todie.
1.45 Prisoner of Pito (1988). Steven Benteff stars as a British cop on the that of Great Train Robber Flownie Stage (Final Freeman).

THE SPORTS CHANNEL Comedy circums staining Countette Colbert as a war correspondent covering the Spanish civil war who talks for paint Ray 9.30am Sportsdesk 10.00 Tennis: US Open 1.00pm Sportsdesk 1.30 Racing Today 2.00

1.55pp: Splendor in the Grass (1981)-Romantic drams staring Nacille Wood and Warren Bestly as idealistic young lovers 4.00. Two upon a Limb (1983): Assisted comedy in which evil drams-producers plan to take over the Cosmo Clook and give the world programs and improve Australian Rugby League 3.30 Munic 11-4.00 Special: US Open Terras, Sun Life Great Race. 12.00 Sportsdesk 12.30am Scottish Football Magazine.

12.00 The Make Smith Show 2.00 Front of House 2.30 - La Finta Gerdiniers 5.20 Shawteshy: The Flood 5.50 Caucilo Abbado Gala Concert 7.30. Bravot 8.00 Mats El-Giselle 9.40 Chick Corea/Friedrich Guide 10.40 Brahms Volkekinderlieder

7.00sm Superfriends 7:30 Fields 9:00 The Galaby ChUb Show 12:00 Jupiter Moon 1:30 Doctor Who: From the Start 2:00 Cool Cubs. Incl at 2:30 The Satelline Game, under 4:00 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles 5:00 Grange-File: The Early Years 5:30 Foot's Court 8:00 The Goodles 8:30 Till Death Us Do Part 7:00 Night Coort 7:30 Filedier 8:00 Nightingsles 9:00 Hit Street Street Super 10:00 I Love Yeath Alles 10:30 Seturiday Javois: They Were Engandable 1:10sm Catry Like 4 Fox 2:10 Living Dolls 2:40 The Anna. Jillian Show

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SUNDAY'S TELEVISION & RADIO

BBC 1 6.45 Open University: Comparing Trades Unions 7.10 Modelling in Comfort 7.35 The Will To Win 8.00 Organics by the Ton 8.25 Maths: Tops and Gyroscopes. Ends at 8.50 8.55 Playdays. Fun for the young (r) 9.15 Umbrella. Multi-faith children's

programme (r) 9.30 This is the Day. A simple religious service from a young people's camp site, marking the fiftieth anniversary of the Taizé community in France 10.00 Film: Tubby the Tuba (1977). Animated version of the children's story with the voices of Dick Van Dyke,

Pearl Bailey and Hermione Gingold. Directed by Alexander Schure. Wales: Wild World 10.50-11.40 Neighbours 1,000th Episode Celebration

11.20 Cartoons. 11.40 See Hear! This first of two reports from the British Deaf Association's centenery looks at the papers and performances given and includes the visit of the patron, the Princess of

12.30 Country File. Rural issues with John Craven. The consequences of rising sea levels caused by global warming are examined with farmer, conservationist and writer Robin Page. The programme visits areas of Britain under threat of being submerged. Weather

1.00 News with Moira Stuart. Followed by Speaking Volumes. Writer Mike Phillips. Laura Cumming of The Listener and Russell Davies join P. D. James to discuss Downtown by Ed McBain and The Snowball by Brigid Brophy. The guest is Jeanette Winterson, author Several Seanette Winterson, author of Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit and Seving the Cherry 1.45 The Pink Panther Show (r)

2,00 EastEnders Omnibus (r). (Ceelax) 3.00 Film: The Count of Monte Cristo (1974). A made for-television version of the Dumas story has Richard the Durinas story rass riccitard
Chambertain prancing around in a fancy
costume as the ship's officer
accused of sympathising with the
enemy (Napoleon). He escapes from
prison after len years with the key to a
torture and goes in pursuit of the baddies. A routine swashbuckler which also stars Trevor Howard, Tony Curtis, Louis Jourdan, Donald Pleasence

BBC 2

Pure Maths — Blancmanges and Snowflakes 7:00 Hazardous Waste

Disposal 7.25 Montgeoffroy: Life in a Chateau 7.50 The Universe

Vesterday 8.15 Designing a Lift 8.40
Herod and Judaes 9.05 Materials in
Action 9.30 Meanings of Madness:
Psychiatry Comes of Age 9.55 Rural

Life: Image and Reality 10,20 Biology, Form and Function: Plant

Propagation 10.45 Maths: And So On

11.10 Learning from the Box: The Programmes 11.35 Science and Nuclear

ste 12.00 The Other Virtuosos

12.25 Fontainbleau: The Changing

Image of Kinship 12.50 Literature in

the Modern World 1.00 A World Within 1.25 Grandstand introduced by Steve

Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 1.30 and 3.45 Golf:

action from the final round of the

Sunninodale. The commentators are

Clark, Alex Hay and Mike Hughesdon; 1.55 and 5.50 Motor Racing: the

Peter Alliss; Bruce Critchley, Clive

6.35 Open University: Introduction to

and Kate Nelligan. Directed by David Greene. (Cestax) 4.40 Famborough 90. Noel Edmonds and team report from the last day of the air show, including a look at the latest generation of heavy jets, the future of the defence industry and the shape of air travel to come

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5.30 The Great Picture Chase. Cricketer David Gower takes advice from his tavourite artist David Shepherd as he goes in search of an African wildlife painting for £500 (Ceefax) 6.00 The Clothes Show. More advice on

what to wear to look the part. How to make your make-up invisible, choosing a dress of the year for the Museum of Costume in Bath, news of December's Clothes Show Live exhibition in Birmingham and a unitting competition. Plus, from Los

Angeles, a new concept in shoes. 6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather 6.40 Songs of Praise from Lichfield Cathedral. With the Choir Schools' Association and featuring an interview with its patron, the Duchess of Kent (Ceetex)

7.15 Last of the Summer Wine. Agelest cornedy with the sprightly Yorkshire pensioners. This week Foggy (good to have him back) supplies Compo and Clegg with examy supplies Compo and Clegg with examy racios through which they can keep in touch. With Bill Owen, Pater Saltis and Brian Wilde (r). (Ceefax)

7.45 Howards' Way. The continuing drame of unpleasant sea-faring folk. Jen and Lynne are reunited, Ken Masters is scuppered by Laura Wilde and Frere continues his fight for the Mermaid Yard. (Ceefax) 8.35 Bread. More subversive comedy from Carla Lane's resourceful Boswell

family. Nellie is off to the hospital to collect her new granddaughter and Adrian composes a poem about their new neighbour, Leonora, (Ceefax) 9.06 News with Martyn Lewis. Weather 9.20 Screen One: Frankenstein's Baby

CHOICE: Emma Tennant's supposed black cornedy is neither particularly black nor a bundle of laughs but a somewhat straight-faced feminist parable about a man who becomes pregnant and comes to realise what woman have to go through. Nigel Planer and Kate Buffery play a professional couple with high-

alian grand prix from Monza. Murray

Curragh. Live coverage of the Moyglare Stud Stakes, worth more than 100,000 punts to the winner, making

Walker and James Hunt are the commentators; 3.35 Racing from the

it Europe's most valuable race for two-year-old fillies. Tony O'Hehir is the

Jones visits sinking companies and

survival. Once the world's largest toy

manufacturer, Tri-eng, now operating from a converted mill in Manchester, has

imparts advice on the best way to

had a succession of owners, been

asset-stripped and gone into receivership. With Harvey-Jones's

Air. Wildlife is not the first word that springs to mind when Ethiopia is mentioned, but in the fertile landscape

of the Bale Mountains plants and

Günter Wand conducts the BBC

Symohony Orchestra in Bruckner's

8.00 Live from the Proms. The veteran

ifth Symphony, an epic mas

that is considered to be the

help, can it make a comeback? (r) 7.15 The Natural World: Island in the

animals flourish (r)

6.35 Troubleshooter. Sir John Harvey-

commentator



Nigel Planer and Kate Buffery (9.20pm)

powered jobs. He wants a child, but she refuses to give up her career to have one. As she, with deliberate irony, files off to help starving children in Africa, he has a consultation with a Or Eva Frankenstein (Yvonne Bryceland) and finds himself expecting. After a ponderous start, full of deliberately nlanted conversations about the joys and otherwise of having children. Frankenstein's Baby is at its most successful tackling the role-reversal theme. Now it is he who must choose between family and career, while she complains of having to work work, work to pay the bills. (Ceelax) 10.35 Everyman: The Fifth Gospel. Has Christianity a Christian attitude towards

young crippled girl makes a pilgrimage to Lourdes in the hope of a mracle cure for her "curse". With Tina Leslie (r) 11.15 The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd. American comedy starring Blar Brown as a real-estate saleswoman. Molly receives a job offer with questionable fringe benefits. Should she take it? Wales: Brecon Jazz 90

the disabled? Everyman explores

this question through a piece written

and performed by Nabri Shaban, A

11.40 Network East (r) Wales: 11.45 The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd 12.10am 12.20am Weather 12.50 Wales: News and

programme in which he is

composer's tour de force, introduced by Michael Berkeley (simultaneous broadcast with Radio 31 9.25 Sir Leonard Hutton, in tribute to the

late cricketer, a repeat of the Maestro

interviewed by Donald Trefford 10.05 Italian Grand Prix. Highlights of this afternoon's race at Monza 10.40 Moviedrome. Alex Cox introduces Down by Law (1986, b/w). This erratic season of cult films ends on a high note with gravel-voiced rock star Tom Warts and John Lurie, in a comedy about life on the run. A radio DJ and a downtown New Orleans pimp find themselves sharing a prison cell after being framed. They are joined by a Bob, an exuberant Italian killer (Roberto Benigni) who converses in pidoin

English and becomes the inspiration that leads to their breakout. The film is atmospherically shot in black and white with Waits and Lurie providing the music. A stylish, bizarre comed Directed by Jim Jarmusch. (Ceefax) 12.25am Golf Harry Carpenter introduces highlights of the final round from European Open. Ends at 1.10

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6.00 TV-am. Includes at 8.00 Frost on Sunday in which Mrs Thatcher discusses domestic issues. Gennady Gerasimov is interviewed in Moscow, Crown Prince Hassan in Amman; and there is a preview of the Helsinkı summıt 9.25 The Disney Club with a dog's eye

view of a dog show and pop guests Yell 10.45 Link: The Right To Live. Why disabled people in America are worried 1.00 Morning Worship from St George's Roman Catholic Cathedral in Southwark London

12.00 The Human Factor: Gaia - Earth Mother. A new series examining humans' role in the world 12.30 The Care Bears 12.55 LWT News

and weather

3.50 Cartoon Time

ws with Sue Carpenter, Weather 1.10 Walden. Brian Walden interviews Wilham Waldegrave, minister of state. Foreign and Commonwealth Office 2.00 Film: The Paratrooper (1953). Alan Ladd stars in this routine, second world war flag waver about an American who joins the British paratroopers. With Leo Genn, Stanley Baker and Susan

4.00 The London Match, Jrm Rosenthal presents highlights of a top Barclays League match involving a London club, with commentary by Brian Moore 5.00 Charlie's Angels: Angels in the Wings. Harmless adventures of a glamorous group of female

tephen Directed by Terence Young

investigators. They join the production crew of an ill-fated musical to find it who is haunting the theatre. Starring Kate Jackson, Jackyn Smith and Cheryl Ladd (r)

6.00 All Clued Up. Game show 6.30 News with Sue Carpenter, Weather 6.35 LWT News and weather 6.40 Highway. Harry Secombe ventures

into Lambeth, south London 7.15 Murder, She Wrote: Jack and Bill. Jessica recalls an old friend, Bill Boyle, an ex-footballer turned detective who had a very unusual partner - a French goodle answering to the

name of Jack or should it be Jacques? 8.15 Onassis - The Richest Man in the World. First of a two-part mini-senes about the man who rose from poverty and obscurity to power. Starring

Raul Julia (Oracle) 9.30 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 9.45 LWT Weather

9.50 Tales of the Unexpected: The Last of the Midnight Gardeners. Another mystery from Roald Dahl. When a publisher stages a competition for the perfect murder story, he finds his Couble life becomes more complicated. With Jane Asher and Patrick Mower (r). (Oracle)

10.20 The South Bank Show: Ackroyd's Dickens.

CHOICE: Peter Ackroyd's biography of Charles Dickens is the peg for an ambitious film which has so much going on in it that the viewer is cautioned to keep a clear head. Ackroyd is interviewed by Melvyn Bragg about Dickens and the writing of biography. Dickens turns up, played by John Sessions, and is interviewed by Peter Ackrowd Dickens/Sessions is nvaded by his characters and chats to actors playing Oscar Wilde and T. S. Eliot There are dramatised excerpts from the novels and the cameras take us to Marsh cameras take us to marstraisea Prison and other Dickens locations. The



Dickens of a role: John Sessions (10.20pm)

pronged approach adds to the sum of knowledge and understanding or merely confuses. My feeling is that the film thes to take on loo much and spreads its coverage too thin. There is enough material here for a series. Ackroyd's assertion that Dickens is the greatest English novelist and the greatest English writer after Shakespeare goes unchallenged 11.40 Comics, The Ninth Art. Series on

the history of cornedy
12.15am Gott: PGA Tour 90. The Great

Milwaukee Open
1.15 The ITV Chart Show (r)
2.15 US Pro-Surfing Tour. The best of

3.15 American Documentary:

Thoroughbred — A Magic Way of Going, A look at the heredity, breeding and training of racehorses 4.15 The Silk Road: A Thousand Kilometres Beyond the Yellow River. Following the trade route which, for

centuries, carried everything from silk to religion from East to West. 5.15 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

Green Bay Packers

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Transworld Sport (r) 7.00 Guitarra! (r) 7.30 Once upon a Time...Life. An workings of the human body (r) 8.00 Early Bird, For children 8.25 David the Gnome 8.55 Ramona

9.25 Settlers' Tales: The Councillor's Tale (r) 9.30 The Playful Muse. Ran sets to music the Gazal works of the 19th-century poet Ghalib 10.00 Fat Man Goes Norse. Tom Vernon continues his travels across Scandinavia on a two-wheeled voyage of

discovery (r) (Teletext) 11.00 Storywheel, For deal and hearing children (r) 11.30 Elly & Jools. Australian series about

a displaced city-slicker boy who befriends a girl ghost 12.00 The Waltons 1.00 Land of the Giants. Science liction adventures
2.00 Film: Another Man's Poison (1951, b/w) Bette Davis stars as a best selling

thuller writer with an estranged criminal husband who comes back into her life at an inconvenient time Middling melodrama, directed by Irving 3.40 A Dream of Norway. A British Rail film of scenic Norway 4.00 Gangsters, Gossip and Grain: The RTS Huw Wheldon Memorial Lecture.

This year's speaker is David Rose, Channel 4's founding head of drama 5.00 A Beginner's Guide to American Football. (Teletext) 5.25 News summary and weather 5.30 Dancing into the Nineties. Another media attempt to hijack the spirit of the lledgling decade. This one, made at

the Academy in London, looks at fashion, film and furniy dancing

6.30 The Cosby Show, American



Fact versus legend: the Spitfire (7.00pm)

7.00 Equinox: Spitfire. CHOICE: Determined not to be excluded from the Battle of Britain contribution of the Spitfire lighter plane and wonders whether the legend has taken over the facts. It points out that while the faster and more agile Spittire took the headlines, the less glamorous Hurricane shot down three times as many enemy aircraft. The historian Corelli Barnett haros on the industrial shortcomings, pointing out that the Sortfire took three times as many man hours to produce as its main German rival, the Messerschmidt 109. But the comparison is not all one way The Sprifire may have symbolised the British love of individual crattsmanship against relentlessly efficient German engineering but Reg Mitchell, the designer, got most of it right and probably deserved his romantic cinema portrayal by David Niven. Mitchell distilled the name Spitfire

8.00 American Football - Live. Tonight's main game is the LA Rams against the

and preferred Shrew, which would

9.30 The Media Show.

CHOICE Back for a tifth series, The Media Show has a new format combining elements of magazine and documentary and promises a greater emphasis on investigative maism A strength of the show is that it has allowed enough space for length and tonight's programme is devoted to an examination of impartiality in broadcasting. The pag is the proposed impartiality clause of the

Broadcasting Bill, although the issue seems to be less one of bias within programmes than of balancing a variety of opinions over a channel s output. The Media Show tries to demonstrate its sense of balance by offering a platform to critics such as Lord Wyatt and Teresa Gorman, MP, as well as broadcasting professional who fear for their freedom should the impartiality clause become law.

10.15 Film: Gentieman's Agreement (1947, b/w) As a complement to last night's documentary profile of Gregory Peck, here he is in line form as a writer posing as a Jew to write about anti-Semilism. The film took three Oscars, although its appeal, which was mostly emotional, has mellowed over the years. Also starring Celeste Holm and Dorothy McGuire, directed by Elia Kazan 12.30am Cinema from Three Continents:

Mirch Masala (1986). An Indian film about the effect a lecherous rent collector has on a small village when his advances on the local beauty are spurned. Starring Naseerudin Shah, Smita Patel and Om Puri. In Hindi with English subtilies. Directed by Kelan Mehta, Ends at 2.45

RADIO/

5.00am Gary King 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breaktast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm 30 Years of Number Ones 3.00 Philip Schofield 5.00 Top 40 7.00 ingale's Request Show 9.00 aw 11.00-2.00am Bob Herris on

RADIO 2

FM Stereo
4.00am Alex Laster 6.00 Graham
Knight 7.30 Colin Semper saya Good
Morning Sunday 9.05 Metodies for You
11.00 Desmond Carrington with Pacific 2 AllTime Greata 2.00pm Banny Green
3.00 Alan Det with Sounds Easy 4.00 Victor
Carrington Carbacter 4.20 Simo 3.00 Aian Det with Sounds Easy 4.00 Vice Silvester Orchestes 4.30 Sing Something Simple 5.00 Charlie Chester 7.00 Cennis Chief 8.00 Duets For Four (new senes) 8.30 Sunday Helf-Hour 9.00 Ursule Vaughen Williams with Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.05 Radio 2 Arts Prognamme 12.05em Robin Ray on Record 1.00-4.00 Colin Berry with Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST.
6.00em World Yews 6.09 24 Hours; News
Summary 6.30 Lonchres Matin 6.59 Weather
7.00 Newsdest 7.30 Jezz for the Asking 8.00
World News 8.09 24 Hours; News Summary
and Financial News 8.30 From Our Own
Correspondert 8.45 Book Choce 8.50 Weave
Guide 9.00 World News 8.09 Words of Fath
9.15 Mussc for a While with Fichard Baler
10.00 World News 10.09 Review of the
British Press 10.15 The Lady in The Van
10.30 Frencal Review 10.40 Book Choica
10.45 Short Story: A Varia Inou Va 11.00
News Summery 11.01 Science in Action
11.30 Mich Megazine 11.59 Travel News
12.00 World News 12.09pm News About
British 12.15 From Our Own Correspondent
12.30 Pay of the Week The Norman
Conquests 2.00 News and 24 Hours on
Sunday 2.45 Sports Roundup 3.00 News
Summary 3.01 The Fourth World 4.00
Newsress 2.00 News Amount
British 5.15 BBC English 4.30 Nachnichten 4.40 German Features 4.59 Travel
News 5.00 World News 5.09 News About
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Features 7.54 Nachnichten 8.40 German
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Found World News Summary 2.07 Desert
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Music 3.00 World News 3.09 Review of the
British Press 3.15 Newsra 4.09 News About
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Action 4.00 World News 3.09 Review of the
British Press Review 5.52 The Week on
646.5.56 Weather and Travel News

RADIO 3

35am Open University (FM only) 8.55 Weather 7.00 Corelli: Home and Abroad. Corelli (Sonata in C, Op 5 No 3: Trio Sonnerie): Handel (Trio Sonata in F for two recorders and continuo: Linda Consort and common. Linde Consum under Hans Martin Linde): Geminani (Concerto grosso in G minor, Op 5 No 5: La Petite Bande under Kuijkan)

7.30 News. 7.35 Orpheus with His Horn: The second of four programmes played by the Orpheus Chember Orchestra, feeturing the Mozart Horn Concertos. ine wuzzu nom Conceros.

Britten (Simple Symphony, Op
4): Mozert (Horn Concerto in E
flat, K 417); Schoenberg
(Chamber Symphony No 2, Op

8.30 News 8.35 Your Concert Choice: Haydn (Symphony No 31 in D, Hornsignal: Hanover Band under Roy Goodmen); Mozert (Piano Concerto No 24 in C (Prano Corcesto No 24 in C minor, K 491: Vienna State Opera Orchestra under Hans Swarowsky); Parry (Symphonic Variations: LPO under Adrian Boutt); Faura (Romances sans paroles: Jean-Philippe Colled, piano); Revior II es Nuits (Print) 1 SO

Jean-Primppe Collego, planof.
Berloz (Les Nuits d'ête. LSO
under Colin Davis)

10.30 Prom Talk: Michael Hall
previews the final week of the
Promis which features performances by the Royal Concertigations Orchestra

performances by the Royal
Concertgebouw Orchestra
and Britten's War Requiem
11.00 Trates Choirs Festival 1990 —
Worcester: Three Choirs
Festival Chorus; BBC PO
under Donald Hunt, with Lilian
Watson, soprano, Sally
Burgess, mezzo, Madwyn
Davies, tenor, Peter Savidge,
beritone, perform Elgar
(Overfure, Froissart); George
Lloyd (Symphony No 12 — first
UK performance: under the
composer); Delius (Songs of
Farewell); Elgar (Coronation
Ode, 1911 revised verson),
incl 12.00 interval Reading
12.55pm Academs Wind Quintet
performs J.C. Bach (Wind
Quintet in B flat); Foerster
(Wind Quintet, Op 95); lijs
Hurnik (Wind Quintet, Op 95);
Reicha (Wind Quintet in E flat,
Op 88 No 2), Hugo de Groot
(Surte on Folk Songs);
Majcolm Arnold (Three
Shantes), incl 1.40 Interval
Reading (r)

2.25 Musica Antiqua Koln performs cremona; La squarzona); Schmelzer (Sonata in D; Polish Baggioes); Biber (Partita No 1, Harmonia artificiosa; Sonata in A minor, Mensa sonora) (r) 3.30 Proms 1990: Live from the Albert Hall, London. Finchley Children's Music Group; members of the New London

Orchestra under Ronald Corp perform Britten's Noyes Fludde, a children's opera, And the state of t

Joaquin Achucairo performs Brahms (Variations on a Theme of Schumann, Op 9; Three Intermezzi, Op 117); Albériz (Evocación; El puerto; Feté Dieu à Seville, Iberia, Book 1; Navarra) 6.15 The Life of a Hurricane: In this

6.15 The Life of a Hurricane: In this archive teature from 1942, Robert Berr lells the story of a Hurricane fighter plane from assembly line to dogfight (r) 6.55 Capriccio Stravagante under Skip Sempé parforms music by Lufly and Charpentier, Monteverd and Castello (r) 8.00 Proms 1990. Live from the Albert Half, London. BBC SO under Günter Wand performs Bruckner (Symphony No 5 in 8 fest)

fiat)
9.25 Poet of the Month: Seamus
Heaney reads from his work
9.35 Russian Songs: Jane Mamning,
soprano, Tony Hymas, piano,
perform Niltolay Roelavets
(Four Sochinerya, 1913-14);
Erlean Decision (48 the Edison Denisov (At the Turning, Four Mandelstam Settings): Nikotal Obookov (Four Balmont Settings) 10.18 Ulster Orchestra under Tomasz Bugai pertorms Bałakirev (Overture on Three Russian Themes); Tchaikovsk (Elegy No 2 in G); Borodin

(Symphony No 2) (r)
11.00 20th Century Plano Sonates:
Janis Vakarelis plays Prokofler
(Sonata, Op 83); Philippot
(Sonata No 2) 11.35 Bach — Eight Lepzig Cantatas: Cantata No 79; Gott, der Her, is Sonn' und Schild (f) 11.55 Ian Breakwell's Diary: Part 2 12.00 News

12.05am Close

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RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Brefing, Weather 6.10 Prekude 6.30 News, Morrang Has Broken (s) 6.55 Weather 4.00 News; Public Affairs: Five scandals which made the headlines in their day. Part t Peter Rachman — the

7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Papers
7.15 Living World (r) 7.40
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9.15 Letter from America (r)
9.30 Morning Service: The Inaugural
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11.30 Pick of the Week (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue

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2.30 A Secret Journey

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6.00 News
6.15 The Cartoonists. Frank Whitford meets artist Paula

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6.30 The Heavy Side of Town: Ray
Gosling visits Britan's
manufacturing towns. Part 4:
Bamber Bridge in Lancashire (s) (r) 7.00 in Business (r)

7.00 in Business (r)
7.30 A Good Read: Tony Robinson and Pauline Melville choose four paperbacks (s) (r)
8.00 Punters (r)
8.40 Reading Aloud Don Henderson reads The Face, an extract from That Was Business, This is Personal, by Duncan Campbell (s)
9.00 News, Enquire Within (r)
9.15 The Natural History
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10.00 News

10.00 News
10.15 London in Transit: Professor
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capital's public transport (s) (r)
11.00 The Litmus Test (s) (r)
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7.30 Sunday Edition with Berry Johnston
9.00 This Family Business:

9.30 Across the Line Mike Edgar 10.30 Education Matters with Wendy Jones (r) 11.00 Time Travel: John Campbell journeys back to 1066 (r) 11.30 Invitation to Dinner (r)

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Scientists claim new link in brain disease

By JILL SHERMAN SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS claim they have found the first hard evidence of a genetic link with the human brain disorder Creutzfeldt Jakob disease.

American researchers have linked a defective gene with three recent outbreaks of the fatal disease in parts of Eastern Europe and Israel. A team of scientists from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Strokes in Bethesda. Maryland found the identical genetic mutation in every victim they studied.

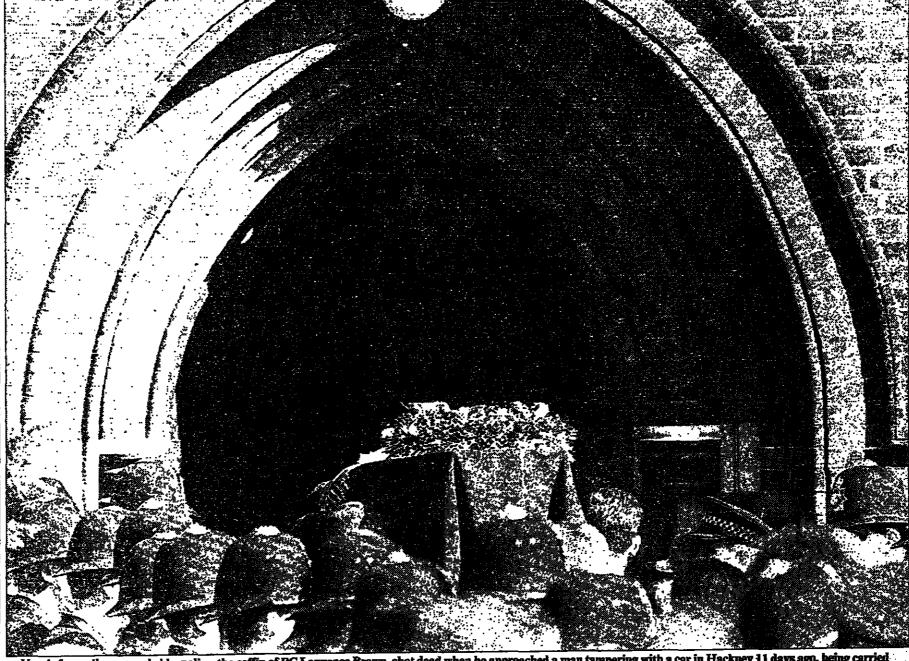
However Dr Paul Brown from the institute said yesterday that it was still unclear whether the mutation actually caused the discase, or whether it increased someone's susceptibility to an environmental factor such as the scrapie infection in sheep.

Creutzfeldt Jakob disease strikes one person in a million worldwide, although it has been found in clusters in certain countries. Initially it causes mental degeneration in a similar way to Alzheimer's disease

The illness may also be related to the disease scrapic which attacks sheep and appears to have been transmitted to cows in the form of bovine spongiform encephalopathy. There is no evidence to date that the disease has been transmitted to humans.

However Dr Brown pointed out that most of the people examined had come from sheep breeding areas contaminated with scrapie. It was possible that those with the mutated gene had been intected with scrapie, he said.

The research findings, which are published in the Lancet today examined a cluster of CJD victims in seven Sephardic Jews. Four were Libyan born Israeli residents and the three others came from Greece and Tunisia. A similar study published in the Lancet two weeks ago reported that the same mutant gene had been found in eleven victims in Slovakia. Although some of the cases were familial some were just isolated instances of the disease. Some of the relatives of victims had the mutant gene but had not developed the disease. " The inference is that the mutated gene is a necessary but not sufficient factor to cause the disease," said Mr



Hero's farewell: surrounded by police, the coffin of PC Lawrence Brown, shot dead when he approached a man tampering with a car in Hackney 11 days ago, being carried into St Chad's, Chadwell Heath, yesterday. Mourners, led by PC Brown's widow, Janet, holding their daughter, Emma, aged four months, packed the church and its hall

Friends mourn Taylor

By Jamie Dettmer

THE death of A.J.P. Taylor, who was once described as the greatest popular historian in Britain since Macaulay, was greeted with sad-ness last night by colleagues and friends. Mr Taylor had suffered from Parkinson's disease for several years and had been in a nursing home in north London for the past two years.

As a "television don", Mr Taylor opened up the world of history to millions of ordinary people. His series of television lectures in 1956 on the Russian revolution were the first of a number of highly successful broadcasts. Millions of viewers also tuned in to his idiosyncratic but brilliant lectures on the first

world war and the prime ministers of England.

For 25 years from 1938 to 1963 Professor Taylor was Tutor in Modern History at Magdalen College, Oxford, and for the last 10 of those he was the University Lecturer in International History. Fellow dons at Magdalen were critical of him for appearing on televison. His lectures at Oxford were packed, even when they were scheduled for 9am.

He had a staggering output of books and wrote a volume in the Oxford History of England, English History 1914-45, which headed the best-sellers list.

By Philip Howard

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Conductor replaced Continued from page 1 in Proms

By GEOFF KING

MARK Elder, the conductor who was to have led the Last Night of the Proms at the Albert Hall next week has been replaced after saying he would consider removing stirring nationalist anthems such as Land of Hope and Glory and Rule Britannia! if war broke out in the Gulf.

Mr Elder, who is music director of the English National Opera, will be replaced by Andrew Davis, chief conductor of the BBC Symphony Orchestra, at the head of the musical extravaganza.

£1m a day Gulf bill the general support fund for front-

in the Gulf was £1 million a day. The bill for deployment and additional equipment costs is already up to £75 million.

Mr King said that the funding of such additional costs would be discussed with the Gulf states, but ministers have not yet broached the subject with those who might be expected to contribute to the bill. One Whitehall source said yesterday: "We didn't go in there thinking about getting our cash

back. Britain has, however, already been assured of contributions to costs, such as free fuel, from some host nations, and ministers believe that Britain will be called upon for a lesser contribution to

Early cloud and patchy

line nations such as Egypt and Turkey as a result of her military contributions in the Gulf.

Throughout a measured and serious debate not a single speaker suggested that the response to Iraqi aggression should be moderated out of concern for British hostages. However, Opposition anxieties

about a possible attack on Iraq showed as Labour's two front bench contributors, foreign affairs spokesman Gerald Kaufman and defence spokesman Martin O'Neill, insisted that the Opposition support in the recall debate did not represent a blank cheque for anything the government decided to do in future.

Forsyth gives up party role

Continued from page 1 pect dismayed his friends in the Thatcherite No Turning Back Group of Tory MPs and elsewhere on the right of the parliamentary party. As the Commons debated the Gulf conflict yesterday, behind the scenes government whips were on the receiving end of what one Forsyth follower called a "tidal wave of support" for him.

It is understood that the combination of this pressure and a personal appeal from Mrs Thatcher over lunch led him to accept a promotion in the Scottish Office ministerial team while

abandoning his party role.
It is widely believed at West-minster that Malcolm Rifkind, the Scottish secretary and no ideological friend of Mr Forsyth, has been behind the campaign by the Scottish Tory Reform Group to oust the junior minister from a post to which he was appointed a year ago by the prime minister.

Mr Rifkind's supporters accuse Mr Forsyth of plotting against his chief and point to the furose over a threat to the Scottish secretary that overshadowed the Scottish Conservative conference in Aberdeen in May.

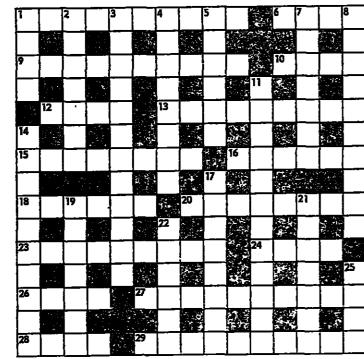
It is also believed that Mr Rifkind finds it difficult to work with Mr Forsyth within government and there was surprise among some MPs that Mrs Thatcher had taken with one hand and given with another

Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, Torv MP for Perth and Kinross, and the former solicitor-general for Son-land, said: "I thought the complaint was that the secretary of state could not bear to be in the same room as him. They are going to be in the same room a lot more

Mr Forsyth, who was making ready to teach his daughter Sarah about rock-climbing this weekend, made no comment on the up-heaval, but Mr Rifkind said in Edinburgh last night that there was "not a shadow of a doubt that the vast majority of the party in Scotland would welcome the changes".

Sir Nicholas, a fierce critic of Mr Rifkind's handling of law reform in Scotland, added that the "weasels" had toppled the one positive and dynamic chairman the party had had. He complained of a witchhunt by Mr Rifkind "and the cohorts of backwoodsmen. Some right-wing English Fory MPs said that the toppling of Mr Forsyth by the Scottish "lairds" who had run the party for years -

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,394



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- 12 Lean over to win the ball (4). 13 Sponge money once to meet the fare (5,4).
- 15 Former servant girl put on about four inches (8).
- 16 At last, hanging to discourage the terrorist (6).
- 18 Supine, wavering sort of judge
- 20 Worker in processing plant needs a head covering (8). 23 Usually mild, but consumed by
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WEATHER WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the inguage jungle. Which of the

light rain over Northern Ireland, central and southern Scotland will spread south into northern England before dying out. Apart from showers near the East Anglia coast and in northern Scotland all other parts will be dry with sunny periods. It will feel less cold than yesterday. Outlook for Sunday and Monday: mostly dry with sunny periods. Warmer by day but cold at night. Increasing cloud and rain likley later on Monday in the far north-west.

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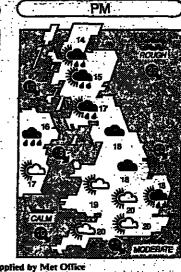
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Simpson's tour guide



BOBBY Simpson (above), the manager of Australia and Leicestershire, considers the case for a four-day county championship, and inspects England's selection for the tour of Australia this winter. Meanwhile, the battle for

the Britannic Assurance county championship enters its final stages, with Middlesex playing Nottinghamshire at Lord's and the leaders, Essex, 1aking on Northamptonshire at Chelmsford Page 29

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Wigan's peer

WHO can stop Wigan from repeating their runaway championship success of last season? Keith Macklin previews the season and predicts that Widnes are once again likely to prove their main

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Graf's point



STEFFI Graf (above), the world No. 1, is trying to put behind her the disappointments of Wimbledon and rans by retainu en's singles title at the US Open. In the semi-finals yesterday, she beat Arantxa San-

MOTOR RACING

Driving home

AYRTON Senna has a clear lead over Alain Prost at the top of the Formula One world championship. Can the Ferrari pair of Prost and Mansell give their home crowd something to cheer

RACING

Dayjur view

Dayjur can consolidate his position as the season's champion sprinter by winning the Ladbroke Sprint Cup at Haydock Park this afternoon. The colt, trained by Dick Hern, has already won two of the calendar's most important speed tests, the King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot and the Keencland Nunthorpe Stakes at York Page 31

ATHLETICS

Fast talking



JOHN Regis (above) caught the public imagination with his performances during the European championships in Split last week. David Powell talks to the sprinter whose exploits in the 4 x 400 metres relay almost outshone his gold-medal winning performance in the individual 200 metres Page 26

YACHTING

Making waves

The unusual look of the Powerflite powerboat is not the only thing that distinguishes it from the family cruisers that surround it. Keith Wheatley reports on a boat that is definitely not for

Insatiable Woosnam sweeps to impressive halfway lead

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

IAN Woosnam's insatiable appetite for golf titles swept him into the half-way lead in the Panasonic European Open with a second round of 68 on the Old course at Sunningdale yesterday.

The Welshman has been

starved of success in the major championships, but as the winner of 12 PGA European Tour titles over the last four years, he has no

Woosnam, however, acknowledges that during that time he has put such a strain on himself that he has been compelled to search for methods of reducing fatigue.

His latest experiment with a new driver has possibly hampered his title challenge, although Woosnam admitted after compil-ing a halfway aggragate of 133 that he has little option other than to

"To get the flight I wanted with the old driver I had to really jump on it," Woosnam explained. "At the end of a 72 holes, I was absolutely shattered and I'm not getting any younger. getting any younger.

The new driver has a graphite

shaft, it is easier to swing and I get the length I want with the flight I'm seeking."

What troubled Woosnam was a swirling wind which made conditions tricky in the morning. He snap-hooked his drives at the 16th and 17th holes and at the 18th, he sliced the ball into a bunker. Those errors cost Woosnam two shots and reduced his lead to one in front of José-Mária Olazábal (69), Magnus Sunesson (67) and Steven Richardson (66).

Woosnam has a remarkable record in Europe with winnings of £1,339,131 over the last four years and if he wins the £66,660 first prize tomorrow then he will return to No. I ahead of Mark McNulty in the Volvo Order of Merit.

He has so far competed in only 12 tournaments this season compared with McNulty's 19, and he has not played on the European Tour since the Open Championship. He has won the American Express Mediterranean Open, Monte Carlo Open and Bell's

Woosnam, however, has a penchant for experimenting and, wor-ried about how strong his grip has become, he has pushed his thumb a little further down the shaft. "There is nothing wrong with the swing," Woosnam said. "But my grip was not allowing me to get in the right position at the top of the

SECOND-ROUND SCORES

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the World Series of Golf, is clearly oozing with confidence, although he expressed himself less than pleased with the condition of the course. "It is sad to say, but this is not the best we have seen this course," he said. "It is hit and hope off the tee because the ball bounces everywhere. I'm not in the best of moods because of the condition of the course because it

makes it harder to get motivated."
Neither Richardson, last year's
English amateur champion, not Sunesson, aged 26, of Sweden, should be lacking in motivation since, if they continue their find start to this tournament, then they can climb into the top 50 in the Order of Merit

Robert Lee is in deeper waters as he is 183rd in the money list.

Lee won tournaments in 1985 and
1987, but he is now on the
threshold of being forced to return
to the qualifying school. The game
has been cruel enough to the former England youth inter-national and he left Sunningdale wondering what next he must do

for luck to favour him. For Lee was in sight of surviving the half-way cut for only the fourth time this season when he realised, following three birdies in seven holes, that he had breached the one-ball rule by switching from one model to another. He had no option but to disqualify

One television viewer felt Nick Faldo should have been disqualified. He telephoned the Royal and Ancient and questioned whether or not Faldo had touched the sand when taking the club back playing a bunker shot at the third. Andy McFee, the tournament director, was informed, viewed a video of the incident and ruled that the club had touched the ground but

outside of the hazard.
Faldo's ball had finished close to the lip. He also came within inches of incurring a two shot penalty since the ball came back off the lip and struck his club. If it had hit his body then he would have been penalised two shots.

Having survived both incidents, Faldo finished with a 70 for a total of 138. "I'll be very surprised if I win," Faldo said. Clearly, he has a problem to overcome as he now has 19 layers of tape on his grips compared to three at the start of the season. The Wilson Sports Group company are having some special grips made for him in the United States to reduce the tension which has contributed to his Olazabal, following his win in stress fracture of the left wrist.

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One that got away: lan Woosnam misses a putt during his second round of 68 at Sunningdale yesterday

LA lawyer in control of Fifa's big show

From CLIVE WHITE IN ZURICH

AFTER two years of false starts, the American organisers of the 1994 World Cup football finals have been given the go-ahead by Fifa, the sport's governing body, at the end of two-and-a-half days of hard talking here, to begin serious preparations for the most spectacular and most lucrative tournament in history.

Fifa's doubts about the willingness of the the United States public to take the World Cup to their bosom have been greatly eased by the installation last month by the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) of a new president whom Fifa had, controversially, encouraged to stand, Alan Rothenberg, a Los Angeles attorney.

Fifa has found in Rothenberg, aged 51, a professionalism and spirit of co-operation that were missing in his predecessor, Wer-

Rothenberg had first impressed the governing body when he was commissioner of the extraor-dinarily successful 1984 Olympic football tournament; he was a man Fifa believed it could trust and work alongside. So it was not entirely surprising that Rothenberg, slipping out of discussions every now and then yesterday, should declare: "Fifa and the USSF are now on the same path."

Rothenberg is nobody's stooge. He has made it clear to Fifa that other than enlisting the help of Franz Beckenbauer, coach to the victorious West Germans at this year's finals, as technical director, and possibly some other foreign coaches, he has no intention of seeking outside guidance on how to stage a successful World Cup.

He categorically ruled out any suggestion that Luca di Montezemolo, the head of the Italian World Cup organising committee, might act as a consultant.

"However far behind we may stand on the field of play, I think we're ahead of the game when it comes to marketing and the like,"

Rothenberg is supremely confident that a deal will be done next year with the American television networks despite gloomy predictions to the contrary. In two years, there has been little or no progress in that direction other than a contract his predecessor made with NBC that Fifa vetoed.

"I'm very confident that three. if not all four, major networks will be interested in a package and that all 52 games will be covered on American networks and cable," he

While clearly amenable to change and a firm believer that the rules of the game will

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Not a very Olympian ideal

the air here is full of romantic Hellenism: the noble people of ancient Greece who lived perfect lives and who

practically a papal blessing.

There are reservations about Athens, but the point is that there Longest driver are far more reservations about everywhere else: Atlanta, in the hear of a most bizarre version United States, would represent the of the tradition golfers' long-too-obvious acceptance of naked driving competition that took too-obvious acceptance of naked short of romantic appeal.

they hope to get an EC subsidy: perhaps, they were saying this ously, have been 482 yards, week, as much as 50 per cent. And to know that we will all be paying for the Athens Olympics: we're all Europeans now, you know.

Striking it lucky

thens is a place where the A unexpected is pretty much routine, so I am unsurprised to learn that a Greek businessman has won the football pools two weeks running, in each case predicting 13 results with complete accuracy. He has won Laurent slacks and blazers.

SIMON BARNES

ON SATURDAY

invented the perfect Olympic 100 million drachmas. This is still Games. The International Olym-quite a lot in pounds, being a third pic Committee votes on Septem- of a million. He will not release his ber 18 for the host city for the Summer Games of 1996, and every whisper you hear confirms

name: this omission is a sensible precaution against the evil eye. He has very little knowledge of foot-Athens as ante-post favourites, ball: Vassilis Zikos, who owns the The tide is turning Athens's way, betting shop, explained: "He simyou hear. Someone hissed at me in ply enjoys playing and bases his the bar: "The boss of Adidas now forecast mostly on computer believes it will be Athens." That is given by my shop."

commercialism; Toronto's bid is place last week as a prelude to the marred by a strong anti-Games TEC Players championship. lobby in that city: Melbourne is in which is one of the hottest events the wrong hemisphere for a on the women's European golf summertime summer; nobody has tour. The ever-magnificent Laura taken Belgrade with much serious- Davies was candidate No. 1. She ness, and the name of Manchester was opposed by a male touring pro - well, even with the support of called David J. Russell, who is six the Princess Royal, it is a teeny bit inches taller than she and with a good deal more muscle, and also Not that the city is quite geared by Andy Robinson, who is the to becoming the centre of world world champion one-armed attention for three weeks - not golfer. Davies's best effort was 295 yet, anyway. If Athens gets the yards, or about three football nod, they say they will spend \$3 pitches. Russell pipped her with billion on city improvements: a 315 yards. Robinson's best effort new airport, work on the metro, was 241 yards, but as he pointed and a peripherique. For all of this. out. had he possessed two arms. his distance would, quite obvi-

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A sticky wicket

rgentina's Davis Cup ten-tennis on a cricket pitch. They must travel to Sydney, and from September 21 to 23 they will play Australia in a World group semifinal - on grass. So they have moved to the Hurlingham Club in Buenos Aires, and taken over the cricket-pitch. Their non-playing captain. Alejandro Gattiker, ex-plained: "It is not quite like lawn. but it is the next-best thing. We started arranging things right after we beat the West Germans in April, but when we came round to starting practice here, the lawn courts were unusable, and the club officers had to improvise three courts for us on a cricket pitch." I am shocked by all this. If the courts are on the square, it could

mean another war. The form guide

British racehorse trainers live in the domain of un-certainty, assessing a horse's work with such imprecise terms as "seems to be moving quite nicely" or "still feeling that leg". Elsewhere in the world. trainers believe life and horses can be reduced to hard figures, and the Japanese have invented a method of making these figures still harder and more immediately available than ever before. Many racing cultures believe that the clock is the secret of all truth and meaning. The Japanese Racing Association have introduced a device called the Advanced Lap Time information System (or ALIS), and it his column has a passion for operates on the same bar code bizarre sponsorships, but reading system as a supermarket, really. I will be surprised if The bar code is fixed to saddle we ever top this one. Mighty cloths: bar code readers pick this Barnet, non-League football's fin- up and record the time for every est and favourites to win the GM furlong the horse gallops, also Vauxhall Conference, have at-recording the horse's distance

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A feast of claptrap fit for Olympian gods

I AM up to my ears in claptrap. I have had claptrap for breakfast, lunch and tea. For supper, I had claptrap, with humbug for afters, I have had claptrap as a nightcap and claptrap as a treat between meals. Tonight, I have a date: I shall go out with the lads and get completely claptrapped.

The reason for this exotic diet is the Athens Olympic bid. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) votes on the host city for the 1996 Olympic Games on September 18, and Athens is in the middle of the final frenzies of votecatching. I have been invited out here to witness this tailenders' slog and, I must say, it is jolly nice to be back in Athens.

This is the sentimental favourite for the 1996 Games, but the race is by no means a laydown for the Athenians. Atlanta, in the States, has almost as good a chance, and Melbourne is a useful looking third favourite. Toronto is not out of it, and even Manchester and Belgrade have their backers.

cards to play. Atlanta offers money: a fortune to be made from East Coast prime-time television, money the IOC could spend on all kinds of fine things, if it wanted. Melbourne offers what would be only the second Games to be held in the southern hemisphere. Toronto offers north American clout without a whiff of United States bias. Manchester can offer the support of the Princess Royal.

Athens has a fair number of bad points. The city is full of smog. The Greek capacity to organise major events (not to mention a drink-up in a taverna) does not have the world's entire confidence. There is the question of governmental instability: it was only in 1974 that the colonels were toppled. There is terrorism, and Greece's poor record at dealing

But Athens can play the Claptrap Card, and it is doing so for all it is worth. The modern Olympic were founded on the romantic Hellenism of Baron de



COMMENT

SIMON

least as

Coubertin. The first modern Olympics were held in Athens in 1896. I have been told this every hour on the hour for the past 48. Now, they keep telling me, 100 years on, we come to the time when the Olympic Ideal must be

"We must purge the Olympic Games for all of humanity. The could wish to meet.

She spoke of the three evils of the modern Olympics: doping, terrorism and commercialisation.

BARNES

balding and bespectacled Bob

Beamon, who spoke charmingly if

incoherently, interrupting his speech to greet the Soviet former

high jumper, Valery Brumel: "Come here, I need to hug you because you are a great athlete."

commercialisation. The event was a symposium on the Olympic Ideal, and 30-odd past medal winners turned up for it. Touching occasion, nice people: and a faint odour of congratulation in the air. We had a

Olympic ideal must be purged in the waters of the river that flows through Olympia itself." So said Fanni Palli Petralia, Greece's dep-uty minister of culture, and as fine a purveyor of claptrap as you

We had all the stuff about brotherhood of man, and we heard that there are no whites or blacks or browns or yellows, no capitalists or socialists or communists --She didn't mention cant, which is we are all just human beings and

Jolly true and all that: but had nobody present noticed that the Olympics Games is the biggest festival of jingoism that ever takes place during times of peace? Had nobody noticed that a great athlete is, at the time approaching the preatest test, not so much the little friend of all the world as the most self-absorbed human being on the

Had the athletes themselves forgotten the stuff that made them champions? Why did they have to dress it up in talk of dedication and fulfilment? Why did none of them talk about the dedication to

victory? The urge to win? Well, it would have broken the mood of this festival of claptrap. Now, I knew that the president of the IOC, Juan Antonio Samaranch, had spoken in support of the Greek bid. Apparently, Athens has a still more powerful

The Soviet former gymnast, Larisa Latunina, said: "God Himself wants the Olympic Games to agreed, but gave it a pagan phrat The gods are calling!

The Athenian ticket is the restoration of "true" Olympic ideals. "We have many defects." Nikos Filaretos, the Greek IOC member, said. "But we are deeply romantic ... We must accept realities, but only up to a certain

One of their ideas is to offer a parallel "artistic" Olympics. It had not occurred to me before that the artistic impulse is based on competitiveness. Or could this be just another slice of claptrap?

What is the point of all this nonsense? Claptrap demeans sport and demeans athletes. Anyone who accepts it is either a fool or a hypocrite. The Olympic Games are not for fellowship, harmony, understanding, joy, goodwill, and a time when peace will guide the planets and love will steer the stars. The Olympic Games is just bloody sport. It is the best versus the best, and that needs no apology whatsoever.

Sport stands for itself. It is enough on its own. It inspires us. not because of any phoney notion of brotherhood, but because the best versus the best is a compelling spectacle. Great competitions. great competitors, great victories and great defeats fill us with joy, with rage, with admiration, with laughter, with contempt, with inspiration: with all kinds of things. That is why we watch it that is why I like to write about it. its competitors need no dressing up as saints. Sport is there to be

enjoyed: revelled in. True, it is exploited with utter ruthlessness by politicians and money-men. True, there is much wrong with sport: but then sport never was a safe place, immune from the evils of the world. The point is to fight the evils; not to cover them up with humbug and

The two favourites for the 1996 Olympics represent two of the evils that surround sport. Atlanta stands for commercialism: Athens stands for claptrap.

Medals matter more than money to the man who has timed his run into form

Regis bending into perfection

THE first time that John Regis ran the perfect bend was as a centre-forward for Thames Polytechnic. Out of his blocks on the half-way line, he made a diagonal run to the wing with momentum so great that it took him behind a group of spectators on the touchline and back into play. Into the home straight, head down for goal, he went past the last defender. Score? "Right into the roof of the net," he

"An Arsenal scout came over and said that he would be watching me from then on." Arsenal, Charlton, Newcastle, Regis played for them all as a youth. "I thought I was an excellent footballer, but you can have the best game of your life and still lose. I wanted a sport where I could control my own destiny." So his cousin, Cyrille, was left to carry the Regis name in football. "I've never had any regrets at the decision I took," the new European 200 metres champion said.

Disappointments, yes. In the world championships in Rome three years ago, he lost concentration just short of the line. "World champion at 199 metres" was how he described himself. In February, he was Games in Auckland. Like Pasarell and the North Korean football team. Regis was building a reputation for glorious failure. He had triumphed Cup, but these are camouflage

turned to John Isaacs, a coach very light workload. with a growing reputation. Together they learned the value of controlled training. Regis had won a bronze medal in the world championships, but the following year finished next to last in his Olympic

He had turned an ankle before the world champion-ships, enforcing a rest. "The ankle which everyone thought had ruined my chances had helped me - I was not just physically fit, but mentally fit 200 metres or two sets of 100," Regis said. He trained 3 x 300 metres - have been from October through to May instrumental in his dev-for the following summer. By elopment. "But I don't want the time the Olympics came strength to be the only part of round he was, as he put it, his race, I want him to be "brain dead". After that, strong in the head as well," Isaacs agreed to give Regis a Isaacs said. "In Auckland he break from training every five should have gone under 20 weeks. "I've learned my les- seconds, but he didn't conson from Olympic year and I centrate as he should have." know that it is possible to train

nevertheless, his strength. "He medals in one European



A CONTRACTOR OF THE STATE OF TH A clean pair of heels or, in the case of John Regis, one clean heel: it was the view many European rivals had of him in Split

out there and is always at the in the world indoor front of the group," Isaacs championships and European said. "He is not as talented as Marcus [Adam, the Commoncompetitions: the genuine wealth champion, who is also titles had started to look trained by Isaacs], but has a beyond him.

titles had started to look trained by Isaacs], but has a different type of talent — a After finishing last in the hard work talent. When he 1986 Commonwealth final, he came to me, he was doing a

> "The world championships were a surprise, something he pulled out of the bag, but his level of technical performance was not sufficient for him to be able to reproduce it regularly. It has taken us since then to get it right. Now I think he can do it as a matter of

Regis's gym work and speed-endurance training - "down the clock" from 500 to

In Split last week, Regis, aged 23, became the first man His capacity for work is, from any country to win four is one of those guys who gets championships: gold in the

JOHN REGIS Born: Lewisham, southeast London, October 13, 1956. Club: Belgrave Harriers. Coach: John Isaacs, Height: 5ft 11in. Weight: 13c; 8ft.

135t 8lb.

Career: Progression at 200 metres: 1982: 22.6sec: 1983: 22.0; 1984: 21.31: 1985: 20.78: 1986: 20.41: 1987: 20.16; 1988: 20.32; 1989: 20.35; 1990: 20.11. Championship record at 200 metres: Otympic Games: 1988, semi-linaist. World championship 1997; the Europe Semi-linaist. championships: 1987, third, Euro-pean championships: 1990, first. Commonwealth Games: 1986. eighth: 1990, second. World indoor championships: 1989. Irst. Euro-pean indoor championships: 1987. third; 1989. second.

200 metres and 4 x 400 metres, silver in the sprint relay and bronze in the 100 metres. Onlookers were impressed by his 400 metres leg which, at 43.93 seconds, was faster even than Roger Black, the individchampion. "The first Briton I have seen capable of dominating the Americans.' Sebastian Coe said of Regis.

"He could run 43.5 seconds and that is the event he should go for in the Olympic Games." Frank Dick, Britain's director of coaching, told Isaacs.

Isaacs will try to persuade Regis but, rest easy Black and the Americans, he does not wish to be persuaded. "At this

event and she is now ranked in

the world's top five, but it works

against her in the sialom and

moving up to 400 metres because I'm enjoying the 100 and 200 tremendously," Regis said. "I got as much satisfaction out of running 10.07 seconds for the 100 as I did in winning the 200. I want to be the first British guy to run under 20 seconds."

In the same way that Kriss Akabusi profited from switching events, Isaacs believes that Regis would too. "With Michael Johnson in the 200 metres at the world championships and Olympic Games, you will need 19.8 or 19.7 to win,"

Were they boxers, Johnson and Regis would not be allowed near each other. Regis, his muscular upper body packaged like an Ameri-can footballer in uniform, is 14 and a half stone; Johnson, more than two stones lighter, glides bolt upright, cutting the wind rather than bludgeoning it as Regis does. Not that we value of picking his races. He have seen much of them will run in Rieti tomorrow together. Johnson, the new world No. 1, has been prolific enge in Sheffield next weekon the Grand Prix circuit. Regis went quietly about his business of preparing for Split. rarely venturing out of Britain.

"I don't want to be a Grand

point in time I can't see myself Prix athlete, I want to make sure I perform well in major championships." Regis said. Linford Christie got away with it, winning the European 100 metres but only after his reputation had been tarnished by a string of Grand Prix defeats. Even after Split, Regis is taking care not to devalue himself. European champions can get rich quick after their victories, but Regis has appeared in neither of this week's big meetings, in Ko-

blenz or Athens. "I don't want to be known as a guy who runs for money. even though the money is tremendous." Regis said. "I could earn a lot now that I'm European champion, but I don't think I could do myself justice. I couldn't perform to the best of my ability straight after the European championships and I wouldn't want to go out and run 20.8 seconds or something like that."

Regis said he has learnt the and in the McVitie's Challend to wind down his season.

"If I am to run well I cannot afford to run all over the place," he said. Why spoil your Cup final for a game of **MOTOR RACING**

McLaren power should edge Senna nearer title

By JOHN BLUNSDEN

TRADITIONALLY, Monza season party almosphere at the season party atmosphere at the conclusion of a rigorous and tiring European racing season for Formula One drivers. Nevertheless, there will be a lot of work still to be done, and high stakes to play for, when the teams leave Italy tomorrow evening at the Italian grand prix.

Ayrton Senna will still be heading the world champ-ionship points table because Alain Prost, his closest rival, is 13 points adrift of him, but there will be two more races to contest in Europe — in Portugal and Spain — when Ferrari may just be able to give Prost the edge over his McLaren rival when their cars are in race trim.

The reverse is likely to be the case, however, this weekend. Even with its three chicanes. which have effectively elimi-nated the high-speed, multi-car. slip-streaming battles of the past at a cost of disrupting the grand prix's racing rhythm. Monza is still very much a power circuit. offering a 155mph lap-speed from cars in qualifying trim.

The Marlboro McLaren team. which used what Honda refer to as "version five" of their RA100E V10 engine for their most recent success in Belgium, had the benefit of further finetuning of its management system when Senna and his colleague. Gerhard Berger, draws out onto the track for first. drove out onto the track for first

practice yesterday. Anything less than another victory by the team (Senna has already recorded five wins this season, although Berger has yet to onen his score) will be

Nigel Mansell, who seems to have patched-up his row with the Ferrari team after his withwill be hoping that, on race afternoon, he will get away to a clean start in his own properly sel-up race car, not the spare. and be able to give his many

ITALIAN GP 53 laps of 3.625 miles START/FINISH

supporters among the tifosi something to savour. Senna recorded the fastest lan time in the first practice session yesterday, but Mansell was the second quickest around Monza. Each set their best times within a minute of each other late in the

Overnight, the McLaren and Ferrari teams were sharing the first four places in the line-up. with Jean Alesi's Tyrrell-Ford in sixth place between the Wil-liams-Renaults of Thierry Boutsen and Riccardo Patrese.

The best qualifying day for a long time by the Camel Lotus team ended with Derck Warwick tenth quickest behind the two Benetton-Fords, and Martin Donnelly twelfth, despite having only one run on qualify-ing tyres following a spin-off into a gravel trap.

We had six days of testing

here." Warwick said, "and the hard work is beginning to pay off. '

During the next few days Frank Williams will be selling his drivers Riccardo Patrese and Thierry Boutsen whether or not he will require their services next year." I have kept them waiting long enough," he admit-

Williams, who says he came close to signing both Ayrton Senna and Nigel Mansell during the past few weeks, but lost on each occasion, has also seen his hopes of signing Jean Aksi

Although Alesi had signed an agreement three months ago to join Williams, moving from the Tyrell Ford team, he announced after practice that he is now determined not to honour the Mansell at Ferrari.

Williams also has the highest regard for Martin Brundle, who would only be entired back to Formula One by a drive with a top team

moved all remaining specula-tion over his future as a grand prix driver by stating that his decision to retire from Formula One, which he took after the British grand prix at Silverstone.

LEADRNG PRACTICE TRIES (first session): 1. A Serina (Br), McLaren Honda, 1min 22:972sec: 2. N Manself (GB), Errani. 123:141; 3. S Berger (Austrial, McLaren Honda, 123:239: 4. A Prost [F1], Ferrari. 1:23:497; 5. T Boutsen (Ba), Williams Renault. 124:042; 6. A Ness [F1], Tyrnell Ford, 1:24:159. 7. R Patrice (M. Williams Renault. 1:24:253; 8. N Piquet (Bc), Benetion Ford, 1:24:597; 10. J Warwick (GB), Louis 1:25:728; 11, E Benero (Er), Espo-Larrousse, 125:87; 12 M Guigelman (Br), March Leyton House, 1:26:170; 14. P Marthin (II), Manad Ford, 1:26:330; 15. S Nakagma (Lepan), Tyrnell Ford, 1:26:449.

ROWING

Sick Redgrave misses Amsterdam test race By MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S newly formed top coxless pair of Steven Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent will not be racing at the Amsterdam regatta weight men, but the same does not apply for the women and the lightweight men.

this weekend. Redgrave went into hospital with food poison-ing last Friday and was released on Tuesday, expressing his dis-appointment that he would miss before the world championships in Tasmania from October 29 to November 4. The prospective world championship eight, although entered, will also miss Amster-

dam, as Brian Armstrong, the international rowing manager, regards the opposition as insufficiently strong to warrant the trip. But the coxed and coxiess fours, regarded as medal pros-pects for Tasmania, will race on the Bosbaan, as will the quad scull and single sculler. Rorie Henderson. David Tanner, the men's chief coach, has stated that Amsterdam is not a selection test in itself for the heavy-

Ali Gill has decided to abandon her ambitions as a sculler and is included in a newlyformed women's heavyweight coxless four to spearhead the female challenge, together with women's lightweight four.

Tish Reid, the national sculling champion, who has im-proved through the season in spite of a knee injury, will race in a single, and the young double scull of Suzanne Kirk and Adrienne Grimsditch, outstanding at the under-23 championships, will be given their chance at senior level. CYCLING-

Cramp threat to Farrell's Trophy hope

IF STEVE Farrell can steer clear of cramp tomorrow he should win the Star Trophy road racing competition based on ten events this season (Peter Bryan writes). He heads the series with a seven-point lead over Simeon Hempsall and needs to finish either second or third should Hempsall win tomorrow's final event, the 91-mile Tour of the Peak, which starts and finishes at Buxton and includes the onein-five climb of Winnants Pass.

Farrell, back from last week-end's world amateur road race championship in Japan, where Hempsali was a team colleague cramped up in the 90 heat there and is concerned that he may be similarly affected tomorrow.

"It's happened several times this year," the Stoke-on-Trent pharmacist who is unaware of

WATER SKIING

Ameljanchik's magic tricks

She took up the sport when

Her natural ability had been

honed by her own desire to

improve by the time she was

spotted by Victor Novizlihov,

Amelianchik finished third

overall and in tricks Her short.

in her first competition.

the national team trainer.

a car, access to foreign exchange. Now, they receive only a food allowance. Yet Ameljanchik is at this weekend's European championships in Toulouse, France, is Marina Ameljanchik quick to point out that of all the - petite, blonde, determined and from the Soviet Union. 15 countries she has visited in the course of competition, the Unlike Western skiers, she has not had any new water-skis for Soviet Union is still her seven years. Her equipment is she was aged 15, after seeing an event broadcast on television.

battered, crudely repaired and has carried her to countless The Soviet sports ministry pays her training costs and she earns extra roubles teaching youngsters at the Olympia institute in her home town of Minsk. Before perestroika. Soviet athletes used to get special privileges – a bigger flat.

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the European championship will put pressure on the British in the competition for the team title. However. Philippa Rob erts, from Manchester, and John Battleday, of Scarborough, are favourues to take both statom titles. With the potential of Shawn Bronson, Andrew Rooke and Paul Studd in the men's overall competition, the Soviets

trick title once again.

By Ken Lawrence THESE are happy days for John Barrett, the one-time Davis Cup player and manager and for long the junior partner to the BBC's Dan Maskell every Wimbledon. Now Barrett has slipped out of

In the pursuit of excellence, the Maskell shadow and into the sunshine at Flushing Meadow this week, where he is com-Amelianchik spends four hours each day in the gym, which she does not enjoy, an hour tricking on the water and then practices mentating live for BSB each day upon the United States open tennis championships. on a trampoline. In the colder months, when British skiers flock to Florida, the Soviets Live is the crucial word, for train on indoor swimming Barrett is a fervent supporter of pools, using pulley systems.

hve sport on television. He began his BBC career working With her battered old ski. the moomba wetsuit that the British on recorded highlights prochampion. Karen Morse, gave grammes, but has, what he calls, "very strong views" about to her, and the hopes of her nation behind her. Ameljanchik things being seen as they is likely to win the European happen. Other than the odd excep-The strong Soviet presence a

tional circumstance, he does not think the British public cares overmuch for recordings. us, sport is always about who might win, It is the expectation of the contest, man against man, team against team ... people striving. In my view, you have to be very, very keen on a sport to watch it on television when you know the result," he says.
The tennis highlights have been put on at the most awful

SPORT ON **TELEVISION** THE WEEK IN VIEW

times. The BBC says the figures are bad but (a) the results are known, and (b) they go out at midnight. During the Wimbledon fortnight and Oucen's week. when it is shown live, the viewing figures are good."

Although BSB "poached" Gerry Williams, the other half of the BBC's "Des and Gerry show" from Wimbledon. Barrett is not lost to the BBC. He will work for both the terrestrial and satellite channels at Wimbledon and Queen's.

He stresses his great loyalty to the BBC, who he joined in 1971. "I learned my trade there and they have an extremely happy team," the man, who was once in charge of the LTA tennis training scheme, said. There was, he insists, no feeling that he was waiting for dead men's boots as Dan Maskell went on and on . . . and on.

wonderful that he is still contin-uing. I have learned so much from him. The great thing about Dan is his reverence for the sport and its performers and he has an unrivalled knowledge. He makes the odd mistake now and then, of course he does. So do I. No. I love working with

At BSB - whose exclusive

BSB makes a live wire out of Barrett

screening today (4pm to mid-night sharing with The Great Race) and tomorrow (the men's final from 8.45pm) completes 14 consecutive days of live action from Flushing Meadow and a first for British viewers - John has linked again with Graham Fry, who was the man producing the BBC highlights when Barrett first joined the company, "We know each other well; he is a very good producer. When I was considering the BSB offer, I enquired how they planned their tennis coverage. 'Most of it live' Graham retorted so I said immediately

You've got me!"." Barrett also reckons himself the only person to have worked for all three of the main channels in Australia: Seven, Nine and Ten. "All carry advertising and Seven is probably the best.

We don't want quite as "bosy" a programme as these are and as in America where the time restraints imposed by advertis-ing means they really have to pack the information in.

is never the same when you know the result, I will not, therefore, reveal which picture the England batsman, David Gower, chooses in The Great Picture Chase. Being given £500 this winter and told to buy something for the BBC is hardly sport, but it (5.30pm).

MONDAY: Is Chelsea's Kerry Dixon

does provide a wonderful insight into what gives the elegant left-hander his inner calm and that supposed laid-back

He sought a wild life painting Sharing Barreu's views that it that "truly evokes Africa for never the same when you me" and visions of the African game parks, no doubt, will help to tranquillize the nerve ends as he waits to bat in Melbourne and Sydney and other places this winter. The Great Picture Chase is on BBC! tomorrow

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: Graham Taylor talks about the future for the England football team on SBC Grandstand together with racing from Haydock, the Esso-British touring car championship and the European Open golf at Sunningdale (BBC1, 12.30 to 5pm). TOMORROW: The men's final direct from Plushing Masdow is a must if you have BSB. If not, there is the final round from Sunningdale and the litalian grand prix (BBC2, 1.25 to 6.35pm). BBC2 is re-showing its Maestro portrait of Sir Leonard Hutton, who died on Thursday (9.25pm).

the man for England? Sportsworld Extra will tell you (ITV, 1am to 2). TUESDAY: Eurosport have live foot-ball from Berlin (Herta v World

Masters XI) at 7pm and Nicky Home presents the first of BSB's new American football series (8pm). WEDNESDAY: England's World WEDNESDAY: England a World Cup heroes take on Hungary. The game is live on BSB (7.30pm) followed by Scotland's European championship match against Romanie. BBC have highlights of both and cover of Ireland v Yugoslana: (10.25pm to 11.25) and Eurosport have their European championsmp tightlights from 11 to midnight. THURSDAY: Four televised races from Doncaster are each worth. from Doncaster are each worth more than £25,000 (Channel 4, 2.30 to 4.30pm).
FRIDAY: The second "semi" of the

women's world championships in China may reveal volleyball's ac-peal (Eurosport 4pm to 5.30).

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STROLLING down a street in it. I dare not cut it. The kids allowing the showman side of "just one picture for my little States."

boy" was readily granted. It was a small but significant moment of recognition in about football: "I have been Britain for a footballer who is the centre of some attention in his homeland. Meola was the goalkeeper for the United States and one of their few players who made an impression on the World Cup petition's history. Americans he is just over 6st, and a little Now, provided he receives a work permit, he hopes to spend the season with Brigh-

ton, the second division team. performance [they failed to In the US, Meola is a key figure in the development of the appeal of football. There is people are now going crazy leisure wear with the Tony Meola label; he commentated youngsters are playing more on the latter stages of Italia '90 soccer than any other sport, for American television; and and we are going to progress he is the scourge of parents enormously over the next four whose offspring sport the years.

Meola hair-cut. Short, spiky and heavily from Meola's zeal. Steven gelled on top, but long and Rooke, the club secretary, wispy at the back, it is part of said: "The supporters here his instinct for public rela-need a figure to identify with, tions: "I have had so much and from a publicity viewpublicity about it, and so point, Tony is a dream." many youngsters have copied

Brighton this week, Tony need a guy to look up to, his character to overshadow Meola was confronted by a someone to set them an his commitment to being a holidaymaker with a camera. example to shoot for, and they better goalkeeper. "A lot of The inevitable request for are the future of football in the people want my job in 1994, but I have come to Europe to Meola, who is from Kearny, try to ensure I keep it."

At 21, Meola - the son of an New Jersey, cares passionately Italian emigre who once played for Avellino reserves angry to see the way that Americans are portrayed over has time on his side. "I need here as not being interested in experience, and I will only get the 1994 World Cup. It is just that by being placed under not true. It will be the best pressure and handling it." World Cup in the com-Meola is a powerful figure -

finals in Italy this summer. are very competitive and we over 14 stone. "As an athlete, I am in good shape, and dealing "Qualifying for Italy was with crosses is my strength, terribly important for us, our but part of our problem in the World Cup was panicking, progress beyond the first and Brighton will teach me stage] was well received, and not to." Meola will benefit from about football. American

working with Peter Bonetti, the former Chelsea goalkeeper who is coaching at Brighton, but he needs first-team experience. An injury to Perry Digweed. Brighton's first choice, gave him a debut at home to Wolverhampton Wanderers in the second di-vision last Saturday and a second game against Northampton in the Rumbelows Cup. Both were 1-1 draws.

Barry Lloyd, the Brighton manager, was impressed enough to offer Meola a oneyear contract, subject to a work permit. Meola comments: "People said I was good, but I did not think so. It was kind of scary wondering Football Association of Wales to how the crowd would receive me, but they were great. The only problem was that it took me some time to figure out their chants, and work out that they were on my side.



Spiky Seagull: Meola lines up Brighton's prospects

to carry on roving BRISTOL Rovers have suffered exceeding £20,000, now that his a serious setback in their at-club has failed to persuade the

Bristol club may have

want to be the best.

Brighton stand to benefit

Meola has no intention of

stage the European champ-ionship match against Belgium on October 17 at Ninian Park.

The match has been switched to

● Notts County have received

the National Rugby Ground.

tempt to secure a new ground on the outskirts of the city. The second division club, which is sharing Bath City's ground at Twerton Park, heard yesterday that planning officers at Kingswood Borough council have recommended that their application for a 12.000 allscater stadium at Mangotsfield
be turned down because the
land is designated as green bett.

The Cardiff City chairman.

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Tony Clemo, may pursue Tony Clemo, may pursue a be on England Under-21 inter-claim for loss of revenue, national duty.

TEAM NEWS

First division Aston Villa v Coventry Olney is recalled to partner Cascarino in the Villa attack. Coventry have seven players doubtful and Perdomo, their

Everton v Arsenal Everton, for whom Cottee and McCall face late fitness tests, have Whiteside back in the squad. They could omit Sheedy and Keown, fined following their brawl. Arsenal are unchanged.

Luton v Leeds McDonough (crecked rib) and Hughes (iff) are missing for Luton. The Leeds players have recovered from a virus infection that could have caused a postponement. Haddock replaces Fairclough (knee) in central defence.

Man Utd v OPR Robins retains his place in the United attack at the expense of Hughes. Donaghy could replace Blackmore in defence. QPR are

Norwich v Crystal Palace Woodthorpe, a close-season signing from Chester, is expected to make his debut for Norwich. Palace will choose between Bright and Thompson to partner

Wright in attack. Nottm F v Southampton Pearce is fit and returns at left reacte is main feeting at left back for Forest, who are shill without Hodge. Southampton are optimistic that Case (knee) will pass a fitness test. Ruddock could be recalled in central

Sheff Utd v Man City Wood and Barnes, who both have colds, and Agana and Hill (injured) are doubtful for United no are certain to be without Hoyland, Lake (knee) faces a late fitness test for City. Dibble will continue in goal should Coton fail to recover from a stomach

Tottenham v Derby A refreshed Gascoigne starts for Tottenham, who are expected to replace Stewart, who is ill, with Walsh in attack. Derby are unchanged.

Wimbledon v Liverpool Wimbledon are without Gibson, Anthrobus, Ryan, Miller, and Cork (all injured) Liverpool, still thout Hansen, are unchanged.

By Louise Taylor A SULKY goalkeeper, anguished team talks over Chinese meals and brawling in a Southport hotel have not made for the happiest of starts to the season at Everton. The result is that Colin Harvey's men are still seeking their first point as they entertain Arsenal this afternoon.

It may be Everton's worst start to a League campaign for 30 years but the Londoners, hitherto unheaten, lost 3-0 in the corresponding fixture last year, and should not be complacent Paul Davis will continue his attempts to rival Paul Gascoigne as the capital's most influential creative midfield There are no such problems

for Liverpool, who travel to Plough Lane for another at-tempt at putting the 1988 FA Cup final defeat to Wimbledon scored more goals than any opening three fixtures and are

Alex Ferguson the Manchester Untied manager, be-lieves that Mark Hughes has "nine-tenths of his game right." but that Mark Robins can offer "the tenth that Hughes lacks". Accordingly, Ferguson, who is presumably referring to the knack of regular goal-scoring, prefers the youth-team product to the £2 million-man against Queen's Park Rangers at Old

Despite being questioned by Luton police for eight hours on Thursday about his involvement in an alleged £14,000 fraud. Kerry Dixon is expected to lead the Chelsea attack against Sunderland at Stamford crowd trouble which tainted the 1985 Milk Cup semi-final be-

have issued a joint statement aimed at Leeds supporters' thinking of travelling to Kenilworth Road. "If you travel, you will have no chance of getting in to see the game unless you are one of the very few with a ticket," it said. The advice may not be needed, however, A tlu epidemic at Elland Road has raised feears that the fixture will be postponed this morning.

Having learned to negotiate the perils of Birmingham's Spapheti Junction in his club car, Dr Jozef Venglos's priority is to secure his first League win as manager of Aston Villa, Today's against Sunderland at Stamford derby against Coventry, who Bridge. It is to be hoped that give José Perdomo, a Uruthere will be no repeat of the guayan import, his debut, would prove the ideal occasion.

foolish enough to attempt to the Derby County defender... circumvent Luton Town's home-supporters-only policy at Kenilworth Road.

Luton and the local police against Hungary at Wembley. The second division's best game looks to be at Newcastle United, where the hosts, who are unbeaten in the League since Sieve Bull put four goals past them for Wolverhampton Wanderers on New Year's Day, face Millwall. Relegated and without a League win for eight months last season, the Londoners appear to be responding to Bruce Rioch's military approach to management, and have started with two convincing wins. An ankle injury means that Paul Goddard is missing from the Millwall team to face

one of his former clubs. A match for the purists takes place at Selhurst Park, where Paul Williams returns to face Charleton Athletic, his old team in a Sheffield Wednesday shirt.

Tommy Hutchison, who is oldest player, is included in the Swansea City squad to play in a

England-watchers will be intween the pair, and Leeds United will likewise be hoping United will likewise be hoping that none of their followers are Hotspur where Mark Wright, two weeks short of his 43m birthday and is the League's

Everton seek to ease pressure

Continued from page 25

evolve in order to remain competitive, he dismissed the idea that a World Cup game in 1994 might consist of four quarters rather than two halves to make room for television "Television is getting more sophisticated and I think it will

make do with short slots during breaks in the action, as when a trainer is on the pitch. I've timed them and they can take up to a minute or so giving treat-ment. he said. The number of cities in-

terested in being a part of the finals has risen in the past few days to 30. following Fifa's agreement to allow indoor stadiums to stage matches so long as they are played on grass. The two of the World Cup. Astrodome and Superdome, at In the next 12 months Houston and New Orleans, Rothenberg expects his respectively, are bound to be organising committee to be well that's what we're primarily con-among the two or three indoor on the way to harvesting a cerned about." Rothenberg said. realistic in our expectations."

BASEBALL

Indoor games will be played on grass stadiums included among a final figure of, hopefully, 12 venues to be announced next summer. The Rose Bowl, Pasadena. which was twice filled to its 100.000 capacity during the 1984 Olympics for football matches, and the Coliseum, in to Italy.

However, the aims of the USSF — "we're just looking to break even" — are, of course, completely different to those of nearby Los Angeles, remain the favourites to stage the final.

Much to Fifa's delight. ISL, the company which holds the marketing rights, and even of Fifa, which is also looking to Rothenberg intends to bring a high degree of professionalism to the USSF and its organising committee, which has premake a handsome profit.

"At the end of July in 1994, we may well be patting ourselves on the back and saying.
"Well, we had a good attendance, the people enjoyed themselves and we staged a
wonderful tournament." But if
there are not people enjoyed themselves and we staged a
wonderful tournament. But if yiously leaned heavily on vol-untary help. He is drawing on missed out on a phenomenal

record \$300 million from contracts with television, sponsors and suppliers with the intention of increasing gross revenue by reckoned with — or at least one more than 20 per cent compared that can get past the first-round

stage - are the goals of the USSF Rothenberg expected the plans for a national regional league to be ready by the start of next year and for it to be up and running by 1992, which is some two years behind the original schedule, a promise which his predecessors failed to keep. The lessons of the ill-fated NASL

that's all we've done, we've couldn't happen, no matter how opportunity to develop the sport further in the United States and slower and while we may allow

ATHLETICS

Santa Monica sprint title goes to Burrell

From DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, ATHENS

LEROY Burrell confirmed his right to be called the world's counters, lost by 0.03sec in fastest 100 metres runner of 1990 when he defeated Carl to 10.12 and Witherspoon on 10.11.

The 1997 model of the second 10.11. time in their two races this season. Lewis, the Olympic champion, was relegated to third fastest in his club, as not only Burrell beat him but

another Santa Monica man, Mark Witherspoon, too. This was the Mobil grand prix final and Lewis, who had not qualified, was here only by invitation. Lewis versus Burreli for only the second time this season was the right balance for the sport between avoidance and repetition. And victory by Burrell was the right result, for he has been more prolific this season than Lewis and deserves to be No. 1. He has suffered only one defeat, to the Nigerian, Olapade Adeniken, in Malmo. There was nothing to choose between them as they left their blocks, but Burrell had the better pick up. It was here, in the first 30 metres, that Burrell,

aged 23, won the race, Lewis holding form for the next 50 metres before fading and letting Witherspoon through.

Burrell and Lewis are the closest of associates: they share a coach, a club, a manager and an coach, a club, a manager and an interest not only in the 100 metres, but the 200 metres and

long jump as well; they both went to the university of Houston; before the Goodwill Games in July, when Burrell beat Lewis for the first time, they even shared a podium to talk about the same religion. But their was not even in his national performances are growing apart.

Lewis, having beaten Burrell grand prix season with a win,

RESULTS: Merc 800m: 1, W Tanul (Ken), 1min 44,95sec; 2, R Abdenouz (Alg), 1:45,17; 3, N Kiprotich (Ken), 1:45,17; 400m brandles: 1, S Mattele (Zam), 47,91sec; 2, D Harris (US), 47,93; 3, W Graham (Jam), 48,88 Hammer 1, Y Sedyich (USSP), 80,26m; 2, T Gacsek (Hull, 77,52; 3, T Gustafsson (Swo), 74,44 Wemmer 400m; 1, A Guirot (Cuba), 50,31sec; 2, F Yusuf (Nigena), 50,96; 3, P Devis (Bah), 51,00, 1,500m; 1, S Gasser (Switz), 4min 08,11sec; 2, Y Maji (EG), 407,56; 3, S Kitova (USSR), 4:07,88.

The 1987 world championships will always be memorable for the blanket finish in the 400 metres hurdles: Ed Moses, Danny Harris, Harald Schmid all in a line but given medals in that order. Harris was the almost inseparable runner-up again last night, beaten this time not by an athlete approaching the end of his career but by one

Samuel Matete, aged 22, handed Harris his first defeat of the season. He had been promis-ing as much: it was the fifth time this season Matete had im-proved the Zambian record, and in their last encounter, in Zurich last month, he came within 0.14sec of Harris.

was a good decision, Akabusi having set a British record of 47.92sec in Split and Matete now running 0.01sec faster. Harris was given 47.93 sec.
There seems no end to Soviet

Matete began to concentrate on hurdling in preference to the flat 400 metres in 1987, the year that Kriss Akabusi made the same transition. In both cases, it

There seems no end to Soviet domination of the hammer. They won all three medals at the Seoul Olympics, provided in Igor Astapkovich the European champion in Split and now, in Yuri Sedykh, they have the new grand prix champion. Indicative of the Soviet Union's strength in the superior is the fact that Sedykh the event is the fact that Sedykh

inspiration from her Split double to close the gap.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation grand prix on confirmed yes terday that it would recommend to the IAAF council, which meets here this weekend, that the Compaq Computers Inter-national Athletes' Club meeting national Attitutes Culto meeting in Edinburgh should be removed from the grand prix calendar next year. If the council acts on the proposal, Edinburgh will be one of 15 meetings recorded "invitational", or second division status

throwing 80.26 metres, Katrin Krabbe, the European

100 and 200 metres champion, was way below the form she showed in Split and was soundly

beaten by Merlene Ottey, of Jamaica, in the 200 metres here.

Ottey has been the outstanding

woman sprinter this year and

Krabbe was unable to draw any

ond-division, status. The reasoning behind the recommendation is hard to fathom. Moscow and Brati-slava, for example, which are recommended to retain grand prix status, achieved lower prix status, achieved lower performance levels than Edin-burgh, Budapest and East Berlin are also set to be relegated and Monte Carlo and New York

promoted. Under the proposals, the Parcelforce Games would stay in the grand prix as Britain's only first-division meeting, while the McVitie's Challenge, at Sheffield, retains invitational

● Kriss Akabusi will compete in the final international meeting of the domestic season at Sheffield a week tomorrow after the settlement of a pay dispute. Akabusi, who broke David Hemery's 22-year-old British record on the way to victory in the 400 metres hurdles in Split. did not compete in previous domestic events because he felt he was not being paid enough. Now he lines up with fellow gold medal winners, Linford gota inedai winnets, Emider Christie, John Regis, Roger Black, Tom McKean, Steve Backley and Yvonne Murray in the McVitie's Challenge.

5,000m: 1, P. Plumer (US), 15min 14.36sec; 2, N. Dandolo (R), 15:14.98; 3, V. Chican (Rom), 15:15.74; 6, J. Hunter (GB), 15:26.84; 7, J. Holland (GB), 15:39.74, High jessp: 1, Y. Yelestra (USSR) 1.96m; 2, B. Petrovic (Yug), 1.92; 3, V. Gotrovicaya (USSR), 1.92; Long jessp: 1, H. Drachsler (EG), 6.98m; 2, I. Kraves (USSR), 6.82; 3, M. Hou (Rom), 6.78, British: F. May 6.40.

RESULTS FROM ATHENS

Scots succeed after dispute

By JOHN HENNESSY

THE Scotland v England women's match lived up to controversial expectations at Hunstanton yesterday. The bare details are that Scotland won the foursomes 2-1 in the home the ruling of Joan Neville. Neville came in with a ruling. international championship and so needed only 21/2 points from the six singles to regain the title they surrendered to England last

year.
This is always a highly charged, competitive occasion and it was given added spice by an incident on the sixth green in the bottom foursome, pitting Fiona Anderson and Myra McKinlay, for Scotland, against

Joanne Morley and Lisa Hackney.
The England pair played the hole badly and were still above mined, pleasure 10 hole the

McKinlay, only 17, had hit a the 17th, superb shot to 15 feet on an exposed green in a gale-force

play, her young partner unwit- foul, with piercing rain carried tingly touched the ground with on the wind. The four captains the ruling of Joan Neville, Neville came in with a chairman of the Ladies Golf that play should proceed.

time before Anderson could be persuaded to shake hands with 17th green.

Obviously shaken, the Scot-tish pair lost the next two holes to go one down, but they came back and it gave Anderson, who isnever less than fiercely deter-

As Anderson was preparing to that far, since the morning broke

Scotland quickly won two of The incident not unnaturally, the singles out in the country, left a nasty taste and it was some Elaine Farquharson beating Angela Uzielli five and four and McKinlay beating Linzi her opponent at the end. Fortu-nately, the Scot. virtually Jackson then came in with a one penalised two holes, won on the hole victory over Katie Tebbett.

decisive eight-foot birdie putt at the 17th.

At one time it seemed the fournament would not have got and 1.

Jones in lead with course record

By PATRICIA DAVIES

ANNE Jones, a quiet, reserved, altogether unlikely Australian, 30, six under. She could scarcely altogether unlikely Australian, blew into the lead of the TEC Players' Championship with course record second round of 66, seven under par, in the wind hampton, yesterday. Jones, from Sydney, had eight

birdies and an eagle in what she described as the best round of her career and her total of 139, seven under par, left her three shots clear of the field. Alisan Nicholas, Trish Johnson and Laurette Maritz, a threatening trio if ever there were one, with four wins between them already this season, were the nearest challengers, on 142. This is Jones's fourth year as a

under par, with four birdies and three bogeys, she dispensed with

have finished better, hitting a seven iron to 18 inches for a birdie three at the 16th, a five iron to 18 inches for a birdie two birdie three at the 16th, a five iron to 18 inches for a birdie two at the 17th and a four iron to 30 feet for an eagle three at the last. Jones has spent the last year rebuilding her swing under the guidance of Denis Pugh, a close associate of David Leadbetter, and said. "I now feel more confident." Given her pursuers, she will need all that confidence. at Patshull Park, near Wolver- at the 17th and a four iron to 30 she will need all that confidence, and more.

Johnson, Europe's No. 1 this year, had to rebuild her seven iron after it came off second best in an encounter with a tree at the 11th, where its owner took a professional and she has yet to win, so this weekend will give her a crash course in leading from the front. Out in 36, one conservationists would rec-

hits indicated a tree in robust

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES (GB

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IN BRIEF

come back

pion, makes her first inter-national appearance for 18 months when she heads the home challenge in the Skate Electric event at Richmond from October 2 to 4. She has been troubled by

TRAMPOLINING: Britain, alongside a team from Scotland, will meet the Soviet Union at Salford tomorrow in the first triangular tournament among the countries. YACHTING: A broken mast in

less than ten minutes put the British team's one-tonner, Hitchhiker, out of the first race of the Sardinia Cup off Porto Cervo yesterday. SQUASH RACKETS: Del Harris, the British No. I, reached today's semi-finals of the Hong Kong Open championship by

beating his England junior col-

league, Paul Gregory, 15-11, 15-11, 15-9 in a 33-minute quarter-CROQUET: David Openshaw. the British team captain, was beaten by Robert Fulford in the quarter-finals of the Continental Airlines world championships at Hurlingham yesterday. Openshaw beat Christopher Clarke to snaw ocal Curtstopher Clarke to reach the last eight. CYCLING: Malcolm Elhott, of Britain, won the first stage of Spain's seven-day cycling Tour of Catalonia yesterday by a tyre's width after a mass sprint

Conway to

NATIONAL LEAGUE: St Louis Cardinate 4. Montheal Expos 2. San Francisco Garnis 6. Cenciman Reise 2. Patishingh Prates 7. New York Mets 1: San Diego Fradres 3. Houston Astros 0: Chacago Cubo 5. Philadetphia Phalles 2: Los Angeles Dodgers 5. Altanta Prilles 2: Lisa Augusta Social Indians 6, Parter Tigers D. Carlottra Angels 12, New York Yanees 6 (11 mas); Texas Rengers 12, Nansas City Royals 1. JOANNE Conway, four times BOWLS COUNTY MATCHES: Northants 106, Cambridgeshire 120; Surrey 128, Middlesex

CRICKET injury and illness since linishing a sixth at the European championships in 1989. OXFORD: NGA county championable final (50 overs): Warveckshrie (holders) 183-9 (J Winspear 61) bi Oxfordshrie 162 (S Waterton Whispear 61) of Uniterasme ros (5 methods 63) by 21 rums CHELKISFORD: NCA over 50s county championship final Essex 144, Wales 145-5. Wales won by 5 wickets.

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WINDSURFING HASTINGE: Bic World Championships (7 races, two descripts) 1, 8 Edgington (CB), 4 8bts; 2, 3 Anderson (CB), 7.4; 3, 5 Pearse (CB), 15.4, C Lovelock (CB), 15.7, Weeners 1, A Cuyston (CB), 35bts; 2, F Bricq (F-), 10; 3, M Olgs (Weill), 15pts; 4, 5 Anderson (CB), 18.

RUGBY UNION CLUB MATCHES: London Irish 38, Public Schools Wanderers 0, Oxford 20, Benerihead Park 4, Youth Match: Coventry 19, Gloucester

VOLLEYBALL.

SQUASH BACKETS

HONG KONG OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP Second round: Jensher Khan (Pah) bt C Walled (Eng) 15-12 15-a, 12-15, 15-5, J Hickon (Em bt R Eyles (Aus) 10-15, 13-15, 15-13, 15-1 ond round: Jarsel Kinal (Pal) til C Walker (Eng 15-12 15-a, 12-15, 15-5, J Hickov (Eng tx R Eyes (Aus) 10-15, 13-15, 15-13, 15-11, 15-10; C Dimhar (Aus) til B Besson (Eng) 15-8, 15-7, 15-10, T Nancarrow (Aus) til A Addaraga (Aus) 15-8, 15-10, 15-6; P Gregory (Eng) til Nir Zamen Gal (Pal) 15-13, 15-11, 17-16; D Hams (Eng) til F Niamis (Aus) 15-12, 15-17, 8-15, 17-16, 15-8; B Martin (Aus) til P Norma (NZ) 15-11, 1-15, 15-12, 15-9; C Robertson (Aus) til J Nocote (Eng) 15-7, 15-10, 15-7, Charter-finals: Hams til Gregory 15-11, 15-11, 15-9, Robertson til Matrin 13-15, 15-9, 15-8, Jansher Khan til Hickox 15-5, 15-3, 15-5; Dittnar til Nancarrow 15-12, 17-16, 15-3. YACHTING

PORTO CERVO: Serdinle Cup: position after first race: 1, kisty A 1.5pts; 2, Tho Neither ands 2.75; 3, Germany 7: 4, Britain 8; 5, Spain, 9; 10, Italy 8, 10
ABERSOCH: Prince of Wales Cap: 1, I Tropter and K Drysdale (Derwent Reservor SC), 2, M Jones and D McDonard (Richeror SC); 4, C Stanley and J Hodgard (Richeror SC); 4, C Stanley and J Hodgard (Richeror SC); 5, A Fizgerald and 1 Warren (Batheror SC); 6, A Platograld and 1 Warren (Batheror SC); 16, 6, A Platograld and 1 Warren (Batheror SC); 18, C Stanley and J Hodgard (Richeror SC); NEWFORT, Ribode Island: Rifth race Fyling Deckman world championships: 1, P Forester/S Bourdow (US), Orts, 2, M Wesser/P Froschi (WS), 3,00; 3, A Kruget/P Alarre (US), 5,70; 4, G Shadalway/ Butantiev (USSR), 8,00; 5, S Kats, J Harderwijk (Neth. 10 00 e, E Angetorly Formell (8), 11 70, Overall after five races: 1, T Berger/V Berger (Fr. 25,000); 2, G Sommarra (A), Sommarra (A), Sommarra (A), Sommarra (A), Sommarra (A), Sommarra (B), 30 00; 3, Wieser/Froschi 49,00; 4, J Bojsen-Molier/J Bolyan-Molier/J Bolyan-M

 Stoke City have rejected a £400,000 bid from Wolver-hampton Wanderers for their midfield player. Carl Beeston.

BOWLS

Norwell and Lazonby win through to final

Lazonby will play Frank Varns and Michael Bunyan in the final of the Woolwich Worthing Open tournament pairs today (Gordon Allan writes). Varns and Bunyan scored seven shots towards the finish to settle their semi-final against Paul Wessier and Rod Gibson, while Norwell and Lazonhy heat Peter Rees and Gary Edwards. Peter Line's side lost in the fours semi-finals to George Lingwood's rink, with Islayn Morgan doing much of the damage as Lingwood's No. 3. Lingwood faces John Norman's four, who beat a Lewes and Lindfield combination.

RESULTS: Pairs: Semi-finals: B Norwell Derek Burch, the so (Peterboroughland N Lazonby (Maryport, Gumbria) 24, P Rees and G Edwards faces Tony Allcock.

cellor, agreed vesterday to commit large amounts of public money to save East Germany's ultra-successful sports system. The announcement came after talks between Kohl and West German sports leaders.
Officials say that East German sport needs 120 million marks (about £40.5 million) a year over the next few years if it is to continue to be successful.

cannot menuon any figures at the moment because grate. Bonn's they need to go through the right that decline.

BEN Norwell and Norman (ORG Shendish) 17. F varns and M Lazonby will play Frank Varns and Michael Bunyan in the final of the Woolwich Worthing 17. P Line 10. G Lingwood 18.

• The novel format of the Toshiba International singles championship at Tiverton puts 16 bowling celebrities from England and Wales against grass-roots bowlers who have fought their way through qualifying rounds in the south-west and the Channel Islands (David Rhys Jones writes). This weekend David Le Marquand, a Jersey representative player, has been drawn to play England's Peter McCall, while Eddie Furze, of Clevedon Promenado takes on John Ottaway, and Burch, the former international

Kohl to aid East sport

BONN (Reuter) — Helmut channels. But our demands Kohl, the West German Chan-have been fulfilled." Willi Daume, the national Olympic East German sport, deprived of the cash it received under its former Communist rulers, is close to collapse less than a month before the two Germanys

The network of schools and clubs which won the country the second highest number of gold medals at the 1988 Olympics has already begun to disinte-grate. Bonn's cash could reverse

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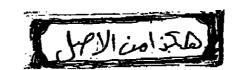
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Three Americans offer hope of a home-bred men's champion at the US Open

Becker faces Open showdown Nigel's nickname game

TENNIS CORRESPONDENT **NEW YORK**

BORIS Becker will feel like a scout in hostile territory when he meets Andre Agassi in a semi-final of the United States Open championships today.

For the first time since 1983, three Americans have reached the last four, and the fact that they range in age from 31 years and six months (McEnroe) to 19 years and one month (Sampras), and in character from the unpredictable (McEnroe) through the brash (Agassi) to the casual (Sampras), adds intrigue to the last grand slam of the year. The Three Musketeers or the Good, the Bad and the Ugly?

If Andrei Cherkasov had beaten Agassi, he could have been counted as an honorary American because he was born on Fourth of July, But after breaking early in the first set, there was never any danger of an upset and Agassi ensured his place in the last four for the third successive year with a 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 win.

Agassi has won 11 of 12 grand slam matches this year. the odd one out being the final of the French Open against Andrés Gómez when, by his own admission, he did not play the cleverest of matches. 'It's weird," he said. "There's a lot going through your mind the first time, but you can look at that match in two ways, a missed opportunity or an indicator of things to come."

Never one to be short on confidence, Agassi is already preparing himself for the final, but the experience he gained against Gomez on the centre court in Paris will certainly be invaluable against Becker, a match which, sentiment apart,

many regard as the real final. The history books show that Becker has the upper hand in their matches to date. He won that famous Davis Cup match in Munich 18 months ago, coming from two sets down, and humiliated Agassi at the Masters late last year.

But a much tougher, stronger Agassi plays Becker, the defending champion, today. "Before, against Boris, I gave him tough matches, but I wasn't able to stay with him physically. This year, I'm much stronger. I don't think cither of us bave any tricks up our sieeves, we'll just come out firing and see who gets shot." Agassi said.

The psychological advan-tage Becker has had over the



Young gun: Andre Agassi promises a fiery reception for the defending champion, Boris Becker, in New York

young Las Vegan will largely have evaporated after Agassi beat him in Indian Wells have CBS, the American tele vision network, to contend earlier this year. That was the with. As the schedule stands at first time Agassi had won and, the moment, McEnroe and though only over the best of Sampras will have to play in three sets not five, he will the prime-time television slot draw considerable comfort tonight. The winner would from the victory. In contrast then have less than 24 hours to to Agassi, who has swept recover before the final. "It's through to the semi-final losan old story," McEnroe said. It could also be the best. ing only one set, Becker has meandered along, playing, as his manager Ion Tiriac once

Men's elegies: Querter-finale: P Sempres (US) bt I Lendi (Cz), 6-4, 7-8, 3-6, 4-6, 6-2; JMcEmroe (US) bt D Wheaton (US), 6-1, 6-4, 6-4; B Becker (WG) bt A Krickstein (US), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3; A Agassi (US) bt A Cherkestov (USSR), 6-2, 6-2, 6-3. Men's doubles: semi-finale: P Annacone (US) and D Wheaton (US) bt P Galbrath (US) and K Jenes (US), 7-6, 7-6, 6-7, 7-6; P Adnch and D Visser (SA) bt B Garrow and S Sakuman (US), 4-6, 7-6, 3-6, 7-6, 6-2; Women's singles: Semi-finale: S Graf (WG) bt A Sanchez (Sp), 6-1, 6-2. Women's doubles: Counter-finale: L Sevchenko and N Zverteya (USSR) bt N Medvedeva and L Meskin (USSR), 6-3, 6-7, 6-3, Mizzed doubles: Counter-finale: E

A ferocious Graf tames Sánchez

NEW YORK (Reuter) — Steffi grand slam sweep when Sánchez Graf crushed Arantxa Sánchez beat her in the French Open Vicario, the former French final in 1989. Open champion. 6-1, 6-2 yesiciday to reach the women's final of the United States Open

championships.

Graf. seeking her third successive US Open singles title, used her ferocious forehand to push Sanchez behind the base-line, racing from corner to France, Italy, Japan, Mexico, keeps points alive.

German sprinted to victory in just 54 minutes on a gloomy, heavily humid day at Flushing

A victory in today's final would make Graf the first woman to win three consecutive US titles since Chris Evert, who finished a run of four in 1978.

France, Italy, Japan, Mexico corner in a desperate chase to South Africa. Spain, Sweden and West Germany broadcas The sixth-seeded Spaniard from a cramped, 15-booth area lost the race against Graf's to the left of the press box at groundstroke power as the West Flushing Meadow.

Some of the foreign broadcasters are illustrious players of the past. Arthur Ashe and Suc feadow.

Barker are announcing for BSB.
The victory provided another
John Newcombe. Fred Stolle taste of revenge for Graf, who and Betsy Nagelsen are wor was denied a second successive for Australia's Channel 9.

The new, serious face of

brother played regoy for a team whose members now comprise a certain percentage of the England squad. Never let it be said that I have not made the most of this. Watch me watching a rugby match with any of my friends (or, indeed, with anybody at all, with people in pubs, people to whom I have never previously spoken) and watch my sad, show-off attempts to weave intimate nuggets of knowledge into the conversation whenever the figure of, say, Paul Rendall looms large.

"He's so much fitter than he used to be, you know." Ah, do you know why they call him The Judge?" Of course, they all know perfectly well why. Anyone with even the most nodding of acquaintances with the commentaries of Nigel Starmer-Smith knows all there is to know about rugby nick-names, because this is the sort of information which he stores up and regurgitates during quiet spells in inter-nationals, while the camera lingers heavily upon the nicknamee's blood-stained headband and cauliflower

Rugby nicknames are, on the whole, dreadful (I remember a "Hector", a player of relatively meagre bulk derived from the word ectomorph') but Nigel always strives to get the joke; the grits in his voice dissolve as he tells his tales. Practically the only player to whom I have never heard him attribute a nickname is Pierre Condom - but then, that would be just silly.

I have always been fascinated by Nigel's consummate lack of suitability for his job as a rugby com-mentator. There is his appearance, which is fatally apologetic, despite attempts to bulk it out with sheepskin; there is his voice, which is not made for gritting, not for jokes, nor for shouting into wind and hailstones, and there is his whole demeanour, which lusts after the easy confidence of the rugby player but cannot attain it.

I can see him now, oh so clearly, army haircut flying

LAURA THOMESON

around a face screwed miserably against the elements as he booms, thinly but dramatically, into a microphone frozen solid as an ice

Leafing through old cdi-tions of Rugby World, as one does, I was confirmed in my suspicions that the image of the rugby player has changed a great deal of late. Rugby World (does it still exist?) is full of men like years and advertisements for sheepskin jackets, modelled by men walking alsation dogs and smoking cigarettes.

The chaps within its pages would surely never have subsisted on the England team diet of white meat and pasta ("women's food"); they were men who ate steaks, or big pies, and drank yards of ale. Of course, there has al-

ways been the type who played for clubs like Biackheath (or "Team", as in: "Come on, Team!") and clubs where, although logic dictates the presence of forwards, in terms of image, backs somehow dominate. This type was glamorous, in a Services sort of way, wore ruggedly trendy clothes and had a steady stream of silent girlfriends. Will Carling is a bit like that and is, I think, the first England captain to have "back" written all over

suppose that what is happening in rugby is the same as what is happening in every sport it is being taken extremely seriously. Carling is extremely serious. He gives lectures to business men on the success ethic, and continued to do so, 1 trust unblushingly, after Scotland had won the grand

Wade Dooley is a police-man; Steve Smith was the sort of person who might have been arrested by one. And can you imagine Jeremy Guscott drinking a pint of Brut, the way that Colin Smart did in Paris in the early Eighties? For a start, it would have to be Antaeus before he would

even consider ... but, any way, he would not do it. Jeremy Guscott is a male model (if he were not in an "amateur" sport, it might have been his chest turning blue with isotonic Lucozade); Fran Cotton tried to break into it but never succeeded because the "Desperate Dan-type" vacancy was always filled whenever he approached the agencies. Neither did he ever make it onto the cover of GQ magazine, whereou this quarter can be seen the butch, brisk, head boy countenance of Will Carling.

Nevertheless, the jurisdiction of the Carling regime slipped a bit during half-time of one of fast season's grand slam games, when Brien Moore was giving his pep talk to the forwards. England were ahead and Brian was determined that things should stay that way: a monumentally misplaced microphone picked up his exhortation to his boys.

He wanted the lads to give their opponents nothing and he wanted this so very much that he was impelled to intersperse his plea with a particular, swearword: the chill of hysterical embarrassment thus induced seemed to make this word ab-normally prominent (like the word "knife" in Alfred Hitchcock's Blackmail].

Back in the BBC commentary box, Bill Beaumont's crumbly old voice rendered it into BBC English. "And there's Brian Moore telling his lads not to give their opponents anything." Hearing this, and watching Brian, simultaneously relishing and ignoring the blood cascading out of his head — that is what I love about rugby.

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● For those lacking ≥ nodding acquaintance with the commentaries of N S.S. Rendall was called The Judge because, when a misdemeanour was committed by a member of a touring rugby team, the offender would be tried in a kangaroo court presided over by Engiand's loose-head prop. Misdemeaneurs included scoring too many tries, being too fit, being too keen and going to bed too early, or being alone.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

Barclays League

Aston Villa v Coventry Manchester U v QPR Norwich v C Palace.

Tottenham v Derby County. **GM Vauxhall Conference**

Altrincham v Slough. Kettering v Runcom.... Kidderminster v Barnel Macclesfield v Merthyr Stafford R v Fisher A Sutton U v Chellenham

Telford v Welling Wycomba v Northwich Vauxhall League

Carshalton v Harrow..... Hendon v Staines...... Kingstonian v Enfield... Leyton W v Bognor.... Marlow v Barking.......... Wivenhoe v Redbridge F.

Wokingham v Woking.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: President's Cup: HFS LOAMS LEAGUE: President's Cup: First round: Accrington v Mattock; Bangor City v Droytsder; Congeston v Marine; Smley v Southport; Fleetwood v Leek; Hyda v Harrogate; South Livespool v Curzon A; Winstord U v Waton, Premier division; Buston v Morecambe; Gants-borough v Chorley; Goole v Stalytordge; Honwich v Bishop Auckland; Mossley v Frickley, First division; Afreston v Lancaster; Bridgington v Iran; Estwood v Natherfield; Redchiffe v Newtown; Rhyl v Fersley Celtic, Rossenke v Workington v Whitey Bay; Workington v Caernarton.

GREAT NILLS LEAGUE: Premier di-

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier di-white: Bristol Manor Farm y Exmount;

Barnsley v Oldham loswich v Blackburn. Leicester v West Ham. Oxford v West Brom. Portsmouth v Port Vale . Watford v Brighton...... Wolves v Bristol R

Second division

said, for about five minutes

John McEnroe's chances of

winning his eighth, and most

surprising, grand slam title

were hit even before he went

on court against Sampras.

McEnroe would be the oldest

winner of the title since Ken

Rosewall in 1970; Sampras the

youngest ever, beating the

record held by Oliver S.

Campbell who won the title in

1890 at the age of 19-and-a-

every hour.

RRISH LEAGUE: TNT Gold Cup: First round: Ballymena v Ards; Bangor v Ballycfare; Carrick v Portadown; Coleroine v Cathorville; Crusaders v Glentoran; Glenavon v Omagh; Larne v Linflekt: Newry v Distillary.

Third division Bradford v Reading

Bury v Rotherhan Crawe v Grimsby . Exeter v Swansea Huddersfid v Bolto Huddersfid v Boltor L Orient v Mansfiek Preston v Tranmere Stoke v Birmingham ... Wigan v Bournemouth

Fourth division

Burnley v Scarborough Cardiff v Torquay Cardiff v Torquay Cartisle v Maidstone . Bilingham v Hartiepool

York v Lincoln York v Lincoln

Prton v The 61: Wiking S v Storfold:
Brimsdown v Electricus; Beaconsfield v
Langtord: Rayners Lane v Beckton (walkover for Rayners Lane); Waltham Abbey v
Cockdosters; Amersham v Shidington;
Ford v Elloff Star, London Colney v
Wolverton; Totternice v Wingers; Mount
Grace (PB) v Winslow; Wathamsow
Pannant v Bagdieswade; Brook House v
Kerngston R: Mitton Keynes B v Harringey
B; Godammay v Farleigh; Eastbourne v
Bedfunt; West Wickham v Selsey (at
Selsey); Danson (Box Bor) v Cove;
Crockental v Calvond: Totham v Old
Salesuan; Farlinam; Cobham v Old
Salesuan; Farlinam; Cobham v
Slade Green; Broadbindge Heath v Harrley
Winthey; Christchurch v Brockenhurst;
Wallingford v Kintbury Rangers;
Bernarton Heath v Chipping Norton.

ABBACIB LEAGIE: National division:

ABACUS LEAGUE: National division: Abatgavenny v Haverlordwest: Atan Lido v Llanek: Ammandrad v Ferndale, Brecon v Brison Ferry; Aberystwyth v Cwmbran; Inter Caroff? v Masesieg: Perubroke v Bridgend: Ton Pentre v Port Talbot. BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cutheros v Darwan; Colwyn Bay v Bootle; Pennith v Prescot: St Heiens v Maine Road.

NORTHERM (LEAGUE: First divisions Airwick v Whitby; Brandon v Stocktor; Durham v Byth Soarrans; Gusborough v Consett; Murton v Ferryhil Air; Newcastle Blue Star v Shidon. Searam Red Star v Gretna; South Bank v Billingham Syn.

B and Q Scottish League

Hearts v Rangers...... Motherwell v St Johnstone.

First division Airdrie v Brechin Avr v Meadowbank Clyde v Fortar Clydebank v Dundee

Falkirk v Partick Hamilton v Kilmamock Raith R v Morton. Second division Alica v Queen of South

Arbroath v Stirling A ... Strangaer v Stenhousemun BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier di-

BEAZER HOBBES LEAGUE: Premier division: Alherstone v Waterlooville;
Bashley v Chelmsford; Burton v Gravesend; Crawley v Rushden; Dartlord v
Worcester; Dorchester v Dover; Gloucester v Cambridge; Halesowen v Weeldstone; Moor Green v Famborough; Poole v Bromsgrove; VS Rugby v Weymouth,
Mediand division: Corby v Bedworth;
Grantham v Alvechurch; Hinckley v
Tamworth, King's Lymv v Barry; Nuseaton v Villenhalf; RC Warwick v Brognorth;
Reddich v Leicester; Spalding v Newport
AFC; Stroud v Buston; Sutton Coldield v

Dudley, Southern division: Andover v AFC; Stroud v Biston; Sutron Coldried v Dudiey, Southern chinaton: Andover v Camerbury: Baldock v Trowbridge; Buckingham v Fokestone; Bury v Hythe; Committen v Selksbury: Erith and Belvedere v Yate; Fareham v Dursssble; Hasbings v Burnham; Margate v Gosport Borough; Sudbury v Newport loW; Warey v Ashford.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Arsenal v Crystal Palace: Reading v Tottenham (2.00), Southpton v West Ham. JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES
LEAGUE: Premier division: Branthe v
Havarfull: Fellustowe v Halstaed;
Corleston v Newmarket; Gt Yarmouth v
March; Harwich and Parkeston v Histon;
Stowmarket v Wisbech; Tiptree v Lowes-

ton.
WEEKLY WYNNER LEAGUE Premier
division: Brigg v Belper: Denaby v
Armhorpe Weilare: Guesley v Trackley; Harrogate RW v Sutton: North Femily v
Ossett Albion; Oesett v Spennymoor.

ICE HOCKEY

NORWICH UNION CUP: Ayr v Murrayfield (at Glasgow, 4.45), Bearingstoke v Cleve-lond (6.0), Cardiff v Swindon (6.30); Humberside v Bracknell (5.15); Lee Valley v Wintey (5.30); Medway v Frie (5.15); Taltord v Nottingham (7.30). AUTURN TROPHY: Milton Keynes v Haringey (5.15); Sunderland v Chelmetord

BOWLS

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HAT WEST BANK NATIONAL EBA INTER-CLUB TWO FOURS CHAMPIONSHIP: (at City and County of Oxford
Cub. 2.00: Cuenter-Reals: Blackheath
and Greenwich (Kertly v Preston Manor
(Sussell, Martlow (Buckinghamshire) v
Cromer and District (Norfolk): Bolton
(Lancashire) v Malinepbury (Witshire):
Cevedon (Somerset) v Boston Sleaford
Road (Lincolnshire).

COUNTY: Essient Counties League: Huntingdonahre v Essex (Strempton in-shane) Midland Counties Chemptonship: Wordestershire v Northamptonshire

OTHER SPORT ATHLETICS: Women: England v Scotland v Northern keland v Wales (Middlesbrough). BADMINTON: Bells Open (Edinburgh). CANOSING: Interctuto racing champion strips (Holme Plemapord).

CROCUET: World championships (Hur-largham, 10.00). EQUESTRIANDSM: Surgitley borse trials (Burghley). FISHING: National championships; First drusion: (River Witham, Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshine). GOLF: Panasonic European Open (Sun-ningdate); English champion club four-nament (Goring and Streatley, Buckinghamshire).

WATER SKIING: European race

RUGBY UNION

Club matches Abertillery v Penarth Bedford v L Weish ... Bridgend v Moseley. Bristol v Blackheath. Cambourne v Redruth (6.0) ... Cardiff v Leice Coventry v Northampton ... Harrogate v Rugby..... Headingley v Morley Liverpool St H v Roundhay

Neath v Gloucester Newbridge v Romania Newport v Richmond... Nottingham v Pontypridd

Sale v Sheffield...... Saracens v L Scottish

NORTH: Club matches: Ashington v Acklam: Barnard Castle v Northellerton erham Newark: Rownheas v Yorkshies Man: Ryton v Rockshife; Siepion v Warsleydale; Slockshings v Leeds YMCA; Thornersans v Notingham Moderns; Upper Eden v Windermara XV; Walariada v Notingham Moderns; Upper Eden v Windermara XV; Walariado v Notingham Moderns; Upper Eden v Windermara XV; Walariado v Notingham Hondrope; West Park Raminope v Scumhorpe; West Park Raminope v Scumhorpe; West Park Raminope v Scumhorpe; Walariadale v Selby: Winnington Park v Middleshrough; Winnal v Old Anselmians; Yarborough; Winnal v Old Anselmians; Yarborough; Bees v Gansborough; York v Darlangton; York Ri v Yarnburg; Yorkshire Civ v Roundhegians XV.

SCOTLAND: Border Languar: Jed Forest v Gals; Metrose v Langholin, Club matches: South: Kelso v Westenesne; Sellerk v Tymedals; Peebles v Hawick Trades; Hawick Linderi v Peralusic Armen v Seghië; Westenburn v St Goewells: Durs v North berwick, West West of Scotland v Borouchtmar: Glesow Hidt-Helvensde v Segnitik Walkerburn v St Boswells: Durs v North Berwick, West West of Scotland v Boroughtmur; Glasgow Nagh-Kelvinsde v Instonians; Stirling County v Corstorphine; Huchesons-Aloysiers v Glasgow Acads; Greenock Wanderers v Hillhead-Jordanhill; Wigtownshire v Berbroge; Cartha Queen's Park v Ardrossan Acads; Hamilton Acads v Garnock; Scatherdrick v Garnock; Mid Argyl v Isle of Mult; Dumphins v East Klönde; Paisley v Lenzie; Merr v Carrick; Clydebank v Stratischole Police; Shawisht v Uddingston. East: Edinburgh Acads v Ayr; Sawart's Melville v Hariosis FF: Currie v Clarkston; Musselburgh v Debriel FP: Portobello FP v Preston Lodge; Leith Acads v Royal High; Linkingon v Trindy Acads Holpington v Grangemouth; Bigger v Livingston; Holy Cross Acads v Broughton FP: Lance v Berwick; Lasawade v Dateith; Murray-Reid v Stobawall FP: Lansk v Clyesdele. North: Aberdeenshine v Statismore; Aberdeen Wanderers v Garloch; Morny v RAF Kinkos; Calithaes v Orther; Hamby v Banff: Dycs v Moray College: Paterhead v RAF Buchan; Craig Dusain v Stormory. Midland: Ounterhille v Perhishre: Kinkingsly v Highland; Morgan Academy FP v Howe of File; Dundee HSFP v Aberdeen

Academy v Halloots.

WEST: Commail Cap: First round: Bude v Lankelly-Fowey: Helston v Redruth Albary: St Agnes v Stittiens; St Day v RAF. Portreath: St Just v Camborné SOM: Saltant v Bodnin; Veor v Redruth GS Old Boys; Wadebridge Camele v Roselend; Keynstaen v Blagdon. Clab matches: Devorport Services v Newquay. Hornets: Falmouth v Oleshamptor; Heyle v Pennyn; Launceston v Devon and Conweal Police; Listeand-Looe v Prince Rock; St Austell v Saltant; St Ives v SW Police; Ashley Down v Didge Crusaders; Bishopston v Welcott; Bristol Heriequins v Avelans; Clavedon v Old Sullians; Clifton Wanderers v Cardit! HS Old Boys: Hele v Pennyn; Falmouth v Old Sullians; St Bensdan's Old Boys v Old Colstonians; St Mary S Old Boys v Old Colstonians; St Remodele's Old Boys v Old Reditilians; St New v South Wales Police; Thornbury v Bristol Telephones; Weston super Mare v Samstaple.

Bristel and Diselet Combination Cap: Pretonians y round; Chipping Sodbury v SW Gas; Cleve v North Bristot, Francian v Schregon v BAC; Gordano v Southmast: FRELANID: International metal: Francian

FIELAND: Internetional metals: Ireland under-25 v Spain (Thomond Park, Limerick), Representative matrix: Edinburgh and District v Leinster (Meggettand). Uster: Senior chair Ards v Content; Ballymena v Hawick: Bengor v Montestown; Colegians v DLSP-Chy of Denry v Omegit: Majone v CIVMS; Portsdown v Dungannon; Cueen's University v Carnicktergus; Armagh v Dundelic; Bethydare v Riffe, Leitesten: Senior chib: Greystones v Sactive Rangen; Blackmok Cullege v Old Wesley; Old Behedars v Waterpark; St Mary's College v Sterries; Wanderes v Wasps (Lensdowne Road), Musster: Senior chib: Constitution v Sunday's Welf. Listenick Charty Congroup Munster v Garryoven, Connecht Senior chib: Athone v Highfeld; Gelwegers v Teranure College; Corinthilats v Contacht Junior XV. RELAND: International match: Iroland

TOMORROW FOOTBALL Barclays League Third division

Cambridge v Southend. **GM Vauxhall Conference** Gateshead v Yeovii (12.0)... LEAGUE OF RELANC: Premier division (3.30): Athlone v Dundalic Bohemians

RUGBY UNION Club match Gosforth v President's XV... RUGBY LEAGUE

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STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Bradiend v Widnes (6.30); Feetherstone v Hull KR (3.30); Hull v St. Helens (3.15); Oldhem v Leeds; Walselfeld v Rochstele (3.30); Warmigton v Cassieford; Wigen v Snedfield. Second division: Samow v Selford (1.00); Better v Leigh (3.15); Carlisle v Chorley: Doncasser v Hunsler; Halitax v Dewettery; Keighley v Huddersfield; Ryednie-Vork v Notting-Inam; Swinton v Withelmaven: Trafford v Ruscom; Workinghor v Fulham.
BLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: Bradlerd v Carlisle. Downstury v Hunslet, Fulham v Workington, Rochdale v Battey, Whitelmaven v Swinton. Whitehaven v Swingon,
OPENCAST BRITISH AMATEUR
LEAGUE First division: Dudley Hill v
Mallorn, Egremont v Leigh East, Hewarth v
Wigan St Patrick's, Leigh Miners v West
Hulf, Mayheld v Woolston, Pillangton v
Saddleworth.

OTHER SPORT BADIRINTON: Bells Open (Edinburgh). CANORING: Inter-club racing champion ships (Holme Plerreport). CROQUET: world championships (Humingham, 10.0), EQUESTRIANISM: Burghley flores bisin GOLF: Panasonic European Open MOTO CROSS: British champional (Cushfield).
MOTOR SPORT: Firestone Production
Saloons championship, and seven race
supporting programms (Thruston Chrosil,
Hampshire, Bam Qualifying and 2pm racing).

SWIMMING: Speedo inter-league final
(Central Pool, Leeds, 1.46). WATER SKING: European race championships (St Aubins Bay, Jersey).

RUGBY UNION

England gather to regain thread

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

England team to play the Barbarians at Twickenham on September 29 will be named on Monday.

they choose as many as are available of last season's five nations' championship team. on the basis that there is a full international with Argentina on November 3 and the Barbarians game is an opportunity to bring lose four: but, by choice that team together, or do they give some of their younger Leicester omit Dodge. uncapped men the chance of big-match experience?

Whether any inferences can be drawn from the XV which plays tomorrow in the guise of M. A. Pearcy's XV must be doubtful, Mike Pearcy, president of the Rugby Football Union, lends his name to the selection that will play Newcastle-Gosforth in match that officially opens the second division club's new ground and clubhouse at-Kingston Park, for which more than 2,000 tickets have already been

The England squad will have fitness tests at Gateshead this morning and train at Kingston Park this afternoon, removing a large number of players from today's club programme which features, like last week, several Anglo-Welsh clashes. Sadly, therefore, some may be de-valued though that was not the case when Rosslyn Park beat Llanelli last week

The Park lifted by a new

THE strings that became some- with SGB, introduce Cook, last

what unravelled in South Amer- season's Oxford University secica during the summer will retary, to their wing against begin to be redrawn this week- London Irish who give Baverend when England's first squad stock, a New Zealander, his first of the season meets in run in the centre, Another New, Newcastle. There is an immedi- Zealander to make his debut for ate function, too, since the a London club is Panterson. England team to play the from Otago, who will be Richmond's stand-off at Newport.

However Bath will go into Wales without Barnes their
That will be an interesting captain: he suffered a groin exercise for the selectors do strain against Toulous Wednesday and misses the game at Llanelli, Callard moving from full back to take his place. Bath also surrender three players to England while eicester, who are at Cardill.

Leicester are the latest club to adopt an inside and outside centre formation, as opposed to left and right: thus, if the clusive Bullimore is to be the constant factor at outside centre, the Dodge and Bates whose styles are similar.

"The role of pivot has moved out a little bit." Tony Russ. Leicester's director of coaching. said, "and your playmaker can be the inside centre who needs to be a more physical player who can stand the ball up in midfield and let others play off him."

Nas in

Russ had a similar combina-tion in Buckton and Smith during his years as Saracens' coach, but the London club will be without Buckton, their cap-tain, when they play London Scottish, again because of squad duties. There is little prospect of their seeing Phillips, their openside flanker, this season becouse? of a damaged shoulder, so van Poortyliet, a member of last season's successful Eastern Counties Under-21 team, makes

Romanians seek a win as a happy souvenir

By David Hands

benefits must be suspended European qualifying zone of the to follow it remains in doubt.

1991 World Cup will have been The tour has also provided an ... decided.

Thus far the Romanians have lost heavily to Bath and nar-rowly to Leicester and will be cen to return home with a victory before they 'meet' haly. Spain and the Netherlands for a World Cup place.

David Robson and Tom Hudson, the former Bath coaches who are assisting them. admit they can have no effect on tournament which begins in hree weeks' time. Should the Romanians qualify for the finals then Robson and Hudson will

THE Romanians conclude their be able to plan ahead. Even if y three-match four at Newbridge they do not. Hudson intends to today, though judgment of the offer a five-year plan for Romaoffer a five-year plan for Romania to follow, though whether until next month, when the they have the physical resources.

> opportunity to highlight the plight of Nicolai Rotaru, one of Romania's leading educationalists whose school in Constanta is a focal point for youth rughy. Rotaru, aged 42 must andergo a four-hour road jour-ney to Bucharest three times a.

The tour has also provided an

week to get hospital treatment n for a serious kidney problem --his friends are trying to raise the amoney to bring him to England for the kidney transplant which may prolong the life of a valued as member of the Romanian acases dentic and sporting community.

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Coleriaine v Cathorwille, Crusaders v Glentoran; Glenevon v Omagh; Larne v Limilett: Newry v Distillery.

FA VASE: Preliginary round: Picketing v Newtown Aycillie; Heation Stammington v Glodon CA: Yorkshire A v Sunderland R; Eppletion CW v Darlington RA: Dursson FB v Seaton Deleval A; Whatehaven MS v Marchon; Croundon TT v South Shelds; Prudhoe East End v Mersker, Annifeld Plain v Sunderland VR: Ceator Moor Celtic v Ponieland: Knowsley v Floton; Prodition East End v Mersker, Annifeld Plain v Sunderland VR: Ceator Moor Celtic v Ponieland: Knowsley v Floton; Prodition V; Westhoughton v Misghult; St Domines v Christeton; Naritwich v Newtown (WC): Gr Harwood v Atherton LR: Chemicals v Cheadle: Prestwich LR: Chemicals v Chedie: Prestwich LR: Chemicals v Chedie Police v Rocester: Hatfield Main v Garisborough; Oalsham v Ponterland: Colls; Vorkshre Main v Kimberley; SAeyness v Eccleshelt; Liversedge v Nemieran; Grimethorpe MW v Bradley R; Glasshoughton W v Cliestone Weltzer; Prory (Eastwood) v Brodsworth MW; Mchedorer RBL v Matthy MW; Immangham v Setby; Derby P v Rossington Main (walkower for Rossington); Hatlam v Worsbore Bridge MW; Halt Road P v Winterton R; Stocksorthe Park v Westfeld; Liversworth; Wolverframtpon C v Kings Heath; Long Buckby v Metans; Landews: Burton PW v Pegasus J; Heath Hayes v Westfeld; Hydheld; Coleshalt; Northfield v Norton; Wolverframtpon C v Kings Heath; Long Buckby v Blownch; Mer KA v Luterworth; Howell S v St Andrews: Burton PW v Pegasus J; Heath Hayes v Westfeld; Hydheld; Coleshalt; Coleshalt; Stockshelt; Stagenhall v Asteyn v Blownch; Mer KA v Luterworth; Howell S v St Andrews: Burton PW v Pegasus J; Heath Hayes v Westfeld; Hydheld; Coleshalt; Downhall v Bathy V Street, V Street, Long Sutton A Comard v Ramsey; Brantinam A v Clactor. Das v Stansend; Dsw

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: ITV 12 30-13 00 ATNLETICS: BSB 16 (0-midnight (with tenns) Highlights of the Sun Life Great Pace Glasgow to London
AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL: ITV

us 25-10.30. From Metbourne
BOXING: Eurosport 19 00-20 30 and
22,00-23.00. World Cup Ingmights from
Dublin, and Mitchell v Gambeche and
Nota v Lasso (see Eurosport Saturday)
Screensport 13 00-15 00 and 20 0021 00 Coverage and night-ghrs from 21 00 Coverage and night-phs from Brighton and Las Vegas. EQUESTRIANISM: Screensport 21 30-23 00. Show jumping. The Amoco Cup from Calgary.

23 OU. Show pumping the form Calgary.
EUROSPORT SATURDAY: Eurosport 12 30-18 00 Gost The Eurosport Open from Summingcale, Ametics Grand Profinal from Athens; Boving: World Cup sema-finals from Oublin,

untantist auto poor 1 20-17/00-1-001-ball Profile on Graham Taylor, Golf European Open from Summingdale, Rac-ing 1-45, 2-15, 2-45 and 3 0 from Haydock, Paik, and The Curragh; Motor sport-British touring ears enampronships from 8-mingham El mingham

KICK 90XING: Screensport 18 00:20:00

Major League highlights from Nevada

States.

POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: Screensport 15,00-17,00. RACING: BSB 13:30-14:00: Recing news. C4 14:55-17 10: 3.0, 3.45, 4.15 and 4.45 from Kempton Park and The Curragh. RUGBY LEAGUE: BSB 14 00-15 30-SAINT AND GREAVSIE: ITV 13.10-13.40. SPORTSDESK: BSB 09.30, 13.00 and

tournament from California
TENNIS: Screensport 09:00-11:00 Highlights of the US Boston championsing
BSB 10:00-13:00 and 16:00-motinght (with
athlenes). Coverage of the US Open from
New York. TENPIN BOWLING: Screensport 08 00-09 00 and 23 00-00 15 Highlights of the Europa Cup from Vienna, PBA serior

FOOTBALL: Eurosport 09:00-09:30 The YACHTING: ITV 14:10-15:10. Cowes Writing Formula. Screensport 11:100-13:00 and 17:00-18:00 Spanish and Argenthinan leagues BSB 00:30-03:30 (timorrow): Scottish league. GOLF: Eurosport 23:00-01:00. Highlights of the European Open from Summingdate (see Eurosport Saturdev): GRANDSTAND: BBC1 12:30-17:00. Football Prolife on Grahem Taylor: Golf European Open from Summingdate, Racing 1.45, 2.15, 2.45 and 3.0 from Haydock. AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL: Eurosport 18.00-19.00.

Highlights from Nevada States.

MOTOR SPORTT: Screensport 07:00-BOXING: Screensport 05:30-07:00 and 06:00 and 15:00-16:00 Transagana celly 14:30-16:00 Eurosport 10:00-midday. Brunosport 09:30-100-16:00-19:00 and 16:30-16:00 Eurosport 10:00-midday. CRICKET: BBC2 21:25-22:05: Maestro 21:30-22:00 Previews in the Formula One Italian grand only, and Sinish and Gorman Crickets. BBC2 21:25-22:05: Maestro 21:30-22:00-21:30: The Formula 3: champonismos. BSB 15:30-BOXING: Eurosport 21:00-21:30: The Eddi: Mercx Classic (see Eurosport 50:00. Motor World. 21 30-22 (0) Previews in the Formule One Italian grand prix, and Sinish and German CYCLING: Eurosport 21 00-21 30: The Formula 3 champonshops. BSB 15:30-16:00. Motor World.

POWERBOATING: Screensport 21 00-21 30: The Collection California outboard grand printing from California.

CYCLING: Eurosport 21 00-21 30: The Collection California outboard grand printing from California.

EUROSPORT SUNDAY: Eurosport 12.30-18 00 Motor sport: Coverage of the Formula One Italian grand plus: Golf: European Open from Supprigidate, Gy-ding Eddie Merca Classic

FOOTBALL: Screensport 03:30-05:30 and 23:00-01:01 Spanish league Eurosport 09:00-09:30 and 19:00-21:00 The Winters Fortmula, and Spanish league, BSB 14:30-18:00 and 60:30-01:30 (Monday), Italian and Scottish leagues GOLF: Screensport 09 09-11 00 US PGA highlights from Wisconsin. European Open from Summingsale Isse European Open from Summingsale Isse European Us US DGA from Missalee.

GRANDSTAND: 98C2 13.25-18.35 Gelf-The European Open from Sunninggale; Motor sport The Formula One Italian grand one from Monea; Racing: 3.40 from The Curragn.

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MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 11 00-14 30 19 00-17 00 and 18 00-20 00 High-laths of the MASCAR Cup from South Carolina Indy cart from Canada: Chrisbes Festival from Sitherstone and IMSA grand prin, event from Tavas, Eurosport 21 00-23 30. Highlights of the Formula Che Italian grand grix (see Eurosport Sunday). RACING: Screensport 21 00-21.30: The Artington Milion race RUGBY LEAGUE: BSB 13 00-14 30 and 18 25-20 15 Australian league, and high-lights of the Stones Bitter championship. SPORTSDESK: 858 09:39, 13:00 and SURFING: Eurosport 12 00-12:30: High-

TENNIS: BSB 10 00-13:00 and 20:45-00:30 Coverage and highlights of the US Open from New York. TENPIN BOWLING: Screensport 20 00-21.00: Highlights of the Europa Cup from Vienna. TRANS WORLD SPORT: Eurospert 10,00-

tournament from Cahlorna, ITV 02-15-GJ.15 (Monday). From the United States.

ATHLETICS

Khattabi's

burst is

too fast for

rivals

By a Correspondent

ELARBI Khattabi, of the Marrakesh Marathon team, re-

tained the yellow jersey in the Sun Life Great Race yesterday

by winning the sixth stage from

Windermere to Kendal. The Moroccan leads the second placed Paulo Catarino, of Sport-

ing Club, Portugal, by Imin 35sec.

With the 21-day, 250-mile Glasgow to London race nearing

the end of its first week, the

athletes are beginning to under-stand the demands of running

hard every day and how to cope with it. Most of the British runners have decided that the best way to tackle it is to take

things reasonably casy during the first week and gradually increase the pace later.

This attitude has been re-flected in their positions. The highest place achieved by a Briton in a race, so far domi-

nated by African and Soviet athletes, is the fourth that Steve

Brace managed on the opening stage. He has since fallen back and is struggling more than 43 minutes behind the overall

Yesierday Khattabi threw in a

resteroay knattant threw in a series of superfast miles, including a 4min 27sec fifth mile, that left the rest of the field spreadeagled out behind him. His winning time for the nine-mile course was 44min 08sec.

Kin Kossei the former race

Kip Kosgei, the former race leader from Kenya, still strug-

gling to make up for lost time after being given a 25-minute time penalty on Wednesday. The most successful Briton so

far has been Nigel Gates.

RESULT: Stage aix, Windarmeré to
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Runners, US), 44:40; 4, K Kosgel (Kenya
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Portugel), 44:02; 6, V Kotov (Druzyz
Meraforny, Minsk), 45:04. Teams: 1, SC
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42mm 46sec; 2, Catamno 5:44:15, 3, V
Kotov 5:44:39; 4, S Sokov (Druzyz
Maratoncy), 5:46:92; 5, B Boudará (MC
Algar, Algara), 5:46:42; 6, M Belhadi (MC
Algar), 5:46:8, Overalt losen: 1, Druzyz
Maratoncy 23:18:07; 2, MC Algar
23:23:20, 3, Marrakesh 23:27:25, King of
the Hille: N Gates (GB/Brighton), 42pts.
Pelsiss: Catarmo, 120pts.

HOCKEY

Nicklin is

ready

for Slough

By SYDNEY FRISKIN

SIMON Nicklin, aged 17, who

lost his chance to play for Great Britain last month at Tilburg.

knee injury, is expected to play for Slough against Teddington at Broom Road School tomor-

row in a training match.

Manjit Flora, who had served
Slough faithfully since 1979, has

retired but the half-back line is reinforced by Oscroft, who has

joined them from Reading, and

However, Slough will have to

half, for the early part of the league season, which starts on October 15, also because of a

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Cox. from Guildford.

far has been Nigel Gates.

Simpson gives England little chance

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

BOB Simpson has been a cricketing double agent this summer. As an Australian abroad he has, within his job at Leicester, been aiding the development of prospective England players while, inevitably, expanding his store of intelligence to be used against them. Yesterday, he revealed at least some of his

Those who came to Lord's hoping to hear the Australian coach denigrate England's selectors were as disappointed as any who believed he might fear the loss of

Match to

celebrate

life of

By Ivo Tennant

original ground, will be con-tested by England and Austra-

will be sponsored by News International.

most generous hearts that ever

beat beneath a waistcoat. It is no

uncommon thing for him to spend over £1.000 on a match in

important match for the Gentle-

men of Sussex, but he was

From his private pavilion, ornately decorated, he enter-

intent on escaping winter's rav-ages in old age, the popularity of

cricket there was thought by Englishmen to be flagging. Lord Sheffield's visit, bringing with him a team led by a well remunerated W. G. Grace, did

much to revive it.

Much interest, of course,

centred on the re-appearance of Grace, who was paid £3,000 and

'first class tour expenses". He

played in every match and or

in the batting order so that more

people would see him. But. "Felix" of the Australasian

wrote: "Grace is admittedly a

of the Test matches in succes-

sion he lost his temper too and

kept on losing it right to the finish." Lord Sheffield's team

The Sheffield Shield com-

netition began on September 14.

1892. Back in England, Lord Shellield turned his attention to

the affairs of Sussex. More than once the club would have been

wound up but for him giving the secretary carte blanche to spend

any money that was required. He did not feel that players

should be transfered from one

county to another, an attitude which has little changed.

Sussex will be well represented on Sunday. The match will be a rmx of the county.

history and the Common-wealth," Brigadier David Rus-

sell, the organiser, said. If a

success, there is chance that this

Bicknell

has injury

setback

By GEOFFREY WHEELER

MARTIN Bicknell, whose "good fitness record" helped

win him a place in the England party to tour Australia, broke

down with a pulled hamstring muscle soon after the start of

Bicknell could be absent for ten days, which would rule him out

of important matches against Middlesex and Essex.

Neil Taylor, the acting Kent captain, took full advantage of

Bicknell's absence, scoring a century from 99 balls between

lunch and tea as Kent, one of

five teams struggling to avoid the championship wooden spoon, reached 367 for six, with

Taylor still there on 102, a

Gloscestershire, one of the

other contenders, had a splendid

day against Worcestershire at Bristol. Hodgson, having al-ready passed 1,000 runs in his

first full season, celebrated with

his maiden championship hun-dred. He and Bainbridge put on

182 for the second wicker and

the latter reached 129 before he

became one of Illingworth's four victims in a score of 376 for five.

peril of the dreaded seventeenth

place, made little progress at Scarborough. In the 23.3 overs

possible their bowlers were

heavily punished by John Mor-

ris, who has hit 18 fours while

scoring 88 from 73 halls of

After Hugh Morris had com-pleted his 2.000 runs for the

season, Marshall scythed down the Glamorgan tail at Ponty-

Derbyshire's 114 for two.

Yorkshire, another team in

career-best

lost the series 2-1

re occasion held himself back

bounteous in his patronage.

a lireworks display

the Ashes. "England have picked pretty much the side I expected," was followed smoothly by "I haven't seen anything over here that makes me think Australia

son, however, there was much of secure in his job (he has recently signed a new two-year contract) and a natural communicator.

He prefaced his remarks with a video, the singing of Bette Midler accompanying the sight of endless lian dressing-room early last sum-"Not the first shot in a mer.

Waugh has been cleared to start

"We have worked on his batting He had the old problem of the Englishmen last summer, playing round his front pad. As for his fitness problems I think they are down to the fact that he hasn't yet bowled enough overs." And the migraine attacks? "Pressure,"

spinner, Ian Salisbury.

Whatever the outcome of the Ashes series, Simpson will be back with Leicestershire next year and he has some forthright suggestions for those who dictate the structure of the county programme.

"There is a clear need for fourday cricket. Three-day games are now seldom decided without contrivance and if the bowling side has not really broken through by 2pm on the first day they are looking for a declaration. When the counties rejected a four-day championship it was, in my view, against the best interests of English cricket."

De Silva's caution is recipe for stalemate

By JOHN WOODCOCK HOVE: Sussex drew with the Sri

NOTHING came of Sussex's match with the Sri Lankans. Left with 297 to make to win at

morning. In the event, with Parker

appealing for everything a couple of useful spinners on by now, just when one had begun to hink they could not have any. But in the same way that Sussey had when they were bowling, so

only 200 runs on with six second-innings wickets already ne. On a pitch which seemed to have woken up since the first

which 188 runs were added, scored them in one before for six, first by running out.

Their bowling was persevering adorning the evening with a Hathurusinghe with a direct but. few strokes well worthy of from cover point, then with a recall.

diving right-handed catch at

Attapattu saw to that by refusing

Hertfordshire favoured

HERTFORDSHIRE, with three former Middlesex players, Andy Needham, Bill Merry and Neil MacLaurin, and the former Gloucestershire scam bowler. David Surridge, are favoured to beat Berkshire in the Minor Counties championship final at Luton tomorrow (Michael Aus-

shire to second place in the western division table in each of his three previous seasons as captain. He said: "One of our strengths has been having a settled team. We have used only 17 players in the past four

games are played over two days, the final is a one-day match. Hertfordshire, beaten finalists last year, last won the title in 1983, Berkshire in 1953.

slightly more than six runs an over, they found it, not surprisngly, more than they could

The third-day declaration is not something the Sri Lankans get much practice at, and after losing their last two one-day matches, their captain, de Silva. was not keen to risk being beaten again. It was undertandable, not least when they had got themselves out of something of a hole in the

showing the way. Sussex did have an early dart at their target. But wickets fell in the process. the Sri Lankans' medium-paced bowling being commendably accurate, and when, on Wells's departure, Sussex shut up shop. two more soon went down, still

Suddenly the Sri Lankans were up round the bat and

But it was Hall who did most to reduce the Sri Lankans to 94 extra cover, and finally with a long throw from deep extra

ight-handed. But the Sri Lanlonger tour next year, the more confident for the cricket they are

tin writes). Mark Simmons has led Berk-

Although championship

now the Sri Lankans could not quite round things of).

needed from eight balls for the is. Dodemaide had bowled a

dance to Piper's tune almost ganglingly talk has the build of a natural fielder.

There was a lovely catch, too, by Parker at first slip, low and to give his wicket away. In 53 overs yesterday, he went from two not out to 74. He is one of several young players in this side who will be back for a

playing here now.

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won't win. As ever with the engaging Simpinterest to digest, delivered with the confidence of one who is unterly

psychological war, I promise you, he smirked. "But our boys watched this in the team bus every day after it was shot for them and it seemed to get them going."
Absentee landlord or not, Simp-

son has been keeping a close check on his "boys" and reports: "They are very fit for this time of year and we have just heard that Steve bowling after all his back trouble. It makes a hell of a difference to the balance of our side that the No. 6

England, of course, would give much for an all-rounder but Simpson offered the view that Chris Lewis can become one. "He is the most exciting young player in the country," he stated and, if a Leicester bias was visible, Simpson has undoubtedly had much to do

with Lewis's advance.

Simpson said.

Simpson agreed with the England selectors in their choice of Bicknell and Tufnell. Interestingly, he feels Tufnell will be suited by Australian conditions. In general, however, Simpson suggested the England bowling had "a look of sameness", the closest he came to specific criticism.

Atherton is "the most composed England batsman I have seen for a long while"; Gooch "has had a great season but still works the ball from off-stump towards square leg." The best long-term prospect he has seen is the Sussex leg

champagne spraying in the Austrabatsman is also a useful bowler." Ramprakash steadies the boat

By Alan Lee Cricket correspondent

LORD'S (first day of four; Middlesex won toss): Middle-sex have scored 358 for four against Nottinghamshire benefactor IF ESSEX'S progress yes-IF IT is true that Australians terday was busily aggressive, second-placed Middlesex conhave a quaint regard for aris-tocrats, this is for good reason. So enamoured was the third Earl ducted their title business in a So enamoured was the third can of Sheffield by the reception accorded to him in the colonies at the end of last century, that he donated 150 guineas for a cricket trophy which they would contest. On Sunday it will be on display at a centenary match in subdued and speculative style. The end result, however, could be the same in both cases, for centuries by Mark Ramprakash and Keith display at a centenary match in Sussex in celebration of the Brown have given Middlesex the ideal platform on a pitch

dry and cracked enough to The trophy is, of course, the Sheffield Shield, awarded annually ever since then to the winners of the inter-state combefriend their spin bowlers. This may turn out to have been an important toss for Mike Gatting to win, though petition. The celebratory match which is to be staged at Fletch-ing, close to Lord Sheffield's he might not have thought so when Haynes and Rosebery were banished with only 42 scored. It was another examlian XIs captained by Colin Cowdrey and Bobby Simpson. It ination of technique and temperament for Ramprakash, as runs were not cheap and the 📮 Behind Lord Sheffield's bluff stakes were high. But he now John-Bullism he has one of the not only possesses an old head on his boyish shoulders — he

turned 21 only on Wednesday but a calculating one. his own park." So wrote The Sydney Morning Herald in a touching tribute to a man who He did not locate the middle of the bat very much before lunch, nor were his feet was decidedly regarded as quaint. He was no cricketer, recording a pair in his one moving as he would have liked, but if the urge was to hit himself out of trouble, he conquered it. Losing Gatting, soon after the interval, inspired rather than inhibited him. He looked a certainty for

tained friends, neighbours and Australian cricket teams from England's A team this winter. Brown is six years older, yet 1884 onwards. After such matches the lakes and cascades has only this season established residency in the side. were lit up with fairy lamps and He is the type who makes runs When he visited the colonies, you do not notice with shots you cannot remember, yet if Middlesex take the title he will have played a full, if widely unappreciated, part. He will never have the scope of a

On the back foot: Gatting won the toss for Middlesex but failed to get on top of the bowling at Lord's yesterday Ramprakash, but he could have the durability of a Radley. The pavilion flags flew at

Masterly Gooch in charge

finer: Essex won tossi: Essex, only a week ago, Gooch made backward square-leg and Gooch holif Essex won lesse essex, only a week ago. Cooch made with five first-innings wickers in 174 and 126 at Northampton, hand, are 11 runs behind Once again, forceful drives on both sides of the wicket gave the bowlers no hope and he hit 15 in the day, Robinson, the Northampton that the control behild before a first side of the bowlers no hope and he hit 15 in the day, Robinson, the Northampton that the control behild before a first side of the behild before a majorative No. 11, proyuded a

top of the championship table. fours and faced 105 balls before amptonshire No. 11, provided a

wasted little time establishing he was out.

It was as well that Gooch batting spectrum. He set an Northamptonshire were disagain dominated as Essex made almost macabre world record by missed for 196, with Mark an otherwise shaky start. Stephenson, in the first over, him a career-best five for 37, turned his back on a ball from Northamptonshire quickly

half-mast, following the sad departure of Sir Leonard Hutton, cricket's kindest, gentlest knight; there was no more than a soarse crowd and the pitch was sited near the Grand Stand extent of HQ's overused and overtired Haynes began with four

CHELMSFORD (first day of ing between two counties, and

Another masterly innings from Ambrose and was caught at Gooch followed, though this short-leg and both Prichard and

time the torrent was cut off Shahid went cheaply. Waugh, when he was 92. Shahid went cheaply. Waugh, however, played almost as as-

This fixture provides a rare sertively as Gooch before they instance of a back-to-back meet-were out in successive overs.

Bowling stocks lie low

By STEPHEN THORPE

TAUNTON (first day of lour, the England manager, had Pakistan won 1950; Pakistan warned of the danger of bowling Under 19 have several 384 for short at the first hint of bounce.

Ted Dester, the chairman of selectors will have gained little from vesterday's play that was hooked six. Mehimood, too, had

own bowling stock at all levels.

15 at a low ebb. Graham Saville.

16 at a low ebb. Graham Saville.

wasted little time establishing he was out.

three of them through extra cover, but when he had made 22 he reacted to Stephenson's appeal for a catch behind by pointing to his forearm. Umpire Constant strode forward at this, evidently telling the batsman it was not up to him to give himself not out.

Rosebery was soon legbefore to a yorker, whereupon Haynes hit Stephenson

Waugh turned a catch 10

pushed a catch to short mid-wicket. Gooch took his season's aggregate to 2.706 runs. Earlier

Northamptonshire

heard the alarm bells. Careless

strokes soon brought the down-fall of Fordham and Felion.

Larkins began uncertainly and before he scored Foster missed a

return catch from him and had a leg-before appeal turned down.

Several legside pulls past short-leg were authentic shots

by Larkins, but he attempted the

stroke once too often and was caught at square-leg by Prichard.

who had just been moved there. In the next over, Waugh began a

spell that brought him three wickets in seven balls for the

Bailey reached for a widish

ball and was caught by Garnham as he dived to his

right; Penberthy got one that lifted and was caught at gully; and Williams was leg-before to

his first ball to leave North-

amptonshire 122 for six. With-

out addition. Lamb, who was

not yet off the mark, survived a hard chance to mid-off against

flott. Lamb had just ensured a batting point when he drove a

return catch to Waugh.

cost of a no-ball.

two Barbadians, as Stephenson's celebrations indicated.

Gatting was never at his deep mid-wicket after almost day, and was certainly quicker best and fell in trying to fetch a five hours. Four runs were still than his native Melbourne ever short ball from Stephenson. This was Nottinghamshire's last success for 58 overs, in which 188 runs were added. scored them in one before but seldom penetrative, al-

on to the next ball. There is no the ball in a manner his own Half an hour before lunch the great love lost between these batsmen must consider Sri Lankans had, in fact, been two Rarbadians as Stantan rasping shots against Cooper, on to the next ball. There is no the ball in a manner his own ominous.

fourth bonus point. But testing first spell. Brown, immediately assertive,

though Afford began to turn recall Somerset are forced to Cover when Attapattu and Madurusinghe went for what looked a sensible enough third run. It is not as though Hall.

EDGBASTON (Warwickshire for seven wickets against

county to be mistaken.

that their quite proper commit-ment to Donald, their South

Slowly but surely, unworthy wen toss: first day of four: misgivings were dispelled, but it Warwickshire have secred 321

ning the toss, deciding to bat and then being reduced to 91 for blown away by a refreshing not reached 50 in 20 champ maiden century, reached in the day's last over, by Keith Piper. intents and purposes he and their wicketkeeper. Reeve were the last line of

Booth, his effort redeemed a day which had, it seemed, set out to First, there was the knowledge

African fast bowler, would mean that Moody their most prolific scorer, would be playing against them in future seasons. Then there was the dropping of their captain Lloyd. Doubts were also valid about the wisdom of undreamed of glory and choosing to bat as Jones and Warwickshire past 300 at Hayhurst zoomed the ball Edgbaston for the first time this around at varying heights and with an alarming degree of lateral movement. Only Asif Din's rapier looked capable of Worcestershire foremost among keeping them at bay.

opening batsmen within the space of four overs to Jones and the removal of Ostler and Paul THE early morning blues which beset Warwickshire after winning the toss, deciding to bat shire in dire straits.

Din made 55 runs of silken quality out of 81, but Piper had ionship matches and to all Embracing partnerships of defence. Reeve bore well his 112 for the sixth wicket with Reeve, and later one of 106 with tain: Piper was adventurous, reaching 50 with nine fours.

It was the liking of this pair prove one or two recent de-cisions taken on behalf of the undid Reeve. Soon after reaching his half-century, which took three-and-a-quarter hours, he was run out by Lefevre's direct hit on the stumps.

When Small went, Warwickshire were hardly out of the wood at 215 for seven, but Booth played with great clan in reaching a career-best, un-defeated 50 and saw Piper to

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance Surrey's game against Kent at Canterbury yesterday, Geoff Ar-nold, the Surrey coach, believes county championship Yorkshire v Derbys SCARBOROUGH (Instituty of four, Derby sine won toss). Derbyshire have scored 114 for two workets adainst Yorkshire

Parce against England Under-19

PAKISTAN, having amassed

384 for three, are in a command-

ing position after the opening day of the third and final Under-

19 Test, but whether they have the resources to dismiss England

twice and square the series is a

from vesterday's play that was

not already evident: England's

P D Bowler of Blakey b Jarvis E Morris not out
J G O Gorman b Pickles
J Adams not out
Entras (no 1) Total (2 wkts, 23.3 overs) 114

YORKSHIRE "M D Moron, A A Metcalle, S A Kellett, †R J Blakey P E Robinson, D Byas, P Carnot, C S Pickles, P J Hardey P W Jarvis J D Batty Bonus points: Yorkshire 0. Derbyshire 0. Umpres H D Bird and J D Bond.

Warwicks v Somerset EDGBASTON (first day of four; Warninck-some won hiss). Warninckshire have scored 321 for seven wickets against Somerset.

Schersel
WARWICKSHIRE First Innings
A J Moles of Rose b Jones
J D Ratchife taw b Jones
Ast Din libro b Hayburst
D P Ostjer ibw b Hayburst
D P Ostjer ibw b Hayburst
D P A Reeve run oul
Th J Poper not out
G C Small libr b Leiebwre
P A Bootn not out Extres (0 4, 15 9, w 4, nb 2) 19 Total (7 wkts) 321 ore at 100 overs: 318 for 7 A Denate and T A Numon to bat A A Donasd and T A Mumon to bal FALL OF WICKETS 1-10, 2-17, 3-56, 4-60, 5-91, 6-203, 7-215 SOMERSET, 5 J Cook, G T J Townend, A N Hayhursi, "C J Tavare, R J Harden, IN D Burts, G D Rose, R P Lafeyne, I G Swadow, H R J Trump, A N Jones. Umpres J H Hampshire and D O Oslear.

Cork's dismissal of Jamshed.

gloving one down the leg side, off the fifth ball of the day.

A small crowd witnessed

accomplished hundreds by Mehmood and Ahmad that augur well for Pakistan's future.

Ahmad at once unfurled a series

struck 18 fours in his 10n before

of elegant on drives, a precurse

Gloucs v Worcs BRISTOL thrst day of four, Gloucester-stime mon toesk Gloucestersmie have scored 376 for five movets against

Worcesershine
GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings
G D Hodgson c Rhodes 5 Mingworth 109
"A J Winght 5 Newport 21
P Bairbridge c Rhodes 5 Mingworth 129
C W J Akey c Lord 5 Mingworth 18
M W Alleyne not out 67
K M Gurran Row 5 Mingworth 18
1R C Russell not out 2
Edras (b 1, b 2), no 101 22 Total (5 whts) 376 Score at 100 overs. 356 for 4 J W Lloyds, C A Walsh, D A Graveney and D V Lawrence to bat

FALL OF WICKETS 1-52, 2-234, 3-284, 4-323,5-360
WORCESTERSHIRE: TS Curis GJLord,
GA Hich, DB D'Onvera, Pl V Radiord,
PA Neale: SR Lampit †SJRhodes, PJ
Newport, RK Mingworth, GR Diffey
Banus points: Gloucestershire 4,
Worcestershire 1. Umpires. D R Shepherd and P B Wight.

Kent v Surrev CANTERBURY (first day of lour, Kent won toss). Kent have scored 367 for six wickets against Surrey
KENTT: First Innings
S G Hinks & Lyinch & Robinson 18
T R Ward & Kendrick & Murphy 55
V J Wells Ibw b Gray 53
G R Coudrey b Gray 8
N R Taylor not out 162
M V Fleming & Stewart b Greeg 9
15 A Marsh & Kendrick & Murphy 17
D J M Kelleher not out 42
Extras (to 5, w 1, nb 2) 6
Total (6 withs, 96 overs) 367
T N Wen. R P Davis and M M Parel to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-82, 2-74, 3-90 wickets against Surrey

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-62, 2-74, 3-90, 4-252, 5-266, 6-293.

Bonus points: Kent 4, Surrey 2, Umpires: M J Kischen and D S Tho Glamorgan v Hants PONTYPRIDD (trist day of four: Glamor-gan won toss): Hampstere, with saven first-innings wickets in hand, are 118 runs behind Glamorgan

Inst-ntimps wickets in hand, are 118
behind Glamorgan
GLAMORIGAN: First Innings
"A R Butcher b Udel
H Morris by b Udel
P A Cottey libre b Alsru
P Mayrand c Maru b Marshall
A Dele c R A Smith b Maru
C P Metson b Marshall
R D B Croft not out
S L Watkin c R A Smith b Marshall
S Bassen Maru b Marshall
Erbas (b 6, b 1, w 1, nb 3)
Total (81.4 overs) Total (81.4 overs) ...

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-63, 2-95, 3-116, 4-168, 5-174, 6-174, 7-174, 8-194, 9-200. BOWLING: Marshall 22.4-8-45-5; Bakker 17-4-51-0; Tremlett 8-2-29-0; Udal 19-5-56-2; Manu 15-8-22-3. HAMPSHIRE: First Innings
C L Smith Dw b Frost
V P Terry c Dale b Croft
D I Gover c Messon b Watton
R A Smith not out

Extras (to 1) ...

Total (3 wits, 25 overs) 92

M D Marshelt, "M C J Nucholes, †A N
Aymes, S D Udal, T M Tremeet and P J
Balker to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-48, 3-82. Bonus points: Glamorgan 3. Hampshire 4. Umpires: R Julian and K E Palmer. Middlesex v Notts

LORD'S (first day of four, Middlesex wor toss): Middlesex have scored 358 for four

D L Haynes b Stephenson 29
M A Roseberry Rw b Pick 11
M W Gatting c French b Stephenson 30

Total (4 whts) 304 for 4 J E Empurey, N F Williams, A R C Fraser, P C R Turnell and N G Cowens to bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-42, 3-108, 4-NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: B C Broad, M Newell, R T Rabinson, P Johnson, D J R Martindale, F D Stephenson, † B N French, E E Herminings, K E Cooper, R A Pick, J A Mitter! Bonus points: Middlesex 4, Nothingham-shire 1.

Essex v Northants CHELMSFORD (first day of four; Essex work loss): Essex, with first first-innings synchets in hand, are 11 runs behind

Umpires D J Constant and A G T

incless in name, and worth, improvement of the North Ambronshine North Ambronshine North Ambronshine Services of the North Ambrons of Services of the North Ambronship Services of Services of the North Ambronship Services of Services o C E L Ambrose low b Foster
J G Thornas c And b Foster A Robinson not out Extras (ib 6, w 1, rb 12)

121, 5-122, 6-122, 7-151, 8-178, 9-198, BOWLING: Fosser 192-4-67-3; flott 11-3-28-1; Andrew 9-0-58-1; Waugh 12-3-37-5, E392X; First Invangs
TG A Gooth of Penbertry b Robinson 92
J P Stephenson of Thomas b Ambrose 0
J P Stephenson of Thomas 28
M E Waugh of Balley b Ambrose 27
N Shahid b Thomas 28
M E Waugh of Balley b Ambrose 24
N Hussam not out 12
M A Gametam not out 12 am not out

Total (5 wkts. 44.3 overs) _ N A Foster, M C Nott. J H Childs and S J W FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-39, 3-81, 4-170, 5-170. nta: Essex 5, Northamptonshira Umpires: B J Mayer and R Palmer.

Tour match Sussex v Sri Lankans

MOVE (final day of three): Sussex draw with the Sri Lankans SRI LANKANS: First Immga 347 for 6 dec (V C Halhurusinghe 136, D S B P Kuruppu 51). Second Invings
R S Mahanama b Dodernalde
V C Hathurusinghe

y C Hathurusinje run out
A P Gunusinha č Moores b Threitell
TD S 8 P Kurupou low b Threitell
M S Atsapettu not out S Attagettu not out

A Da Siva c Hall b Threitell
T Jayasuntya c Parker b Lerinam
A W R Madurusinghe run out
F Labrooy b Dodematide
Wickremensinghe c Wells b Pigott

SUSSEX: First Innings 239 for 4 dec (A F Wells 96, P W G Parker 83). Second Innings

N J Lentam c Kuruppu b Lebrooy

D M Smith c Wietunge b Gurusenna
P W G Panker b Lebrooy

A P Wells C De Silva
b Wickermanginche

M P Spanner

BOWLING: Dodemarde 28-4-95-2. Threttell 16-5-45-3: Proott 4-1-7-1; Lennem 11-3-29-1; Saksbury 11-3-41-0.

ras (fb 1. nb 7) Total (6 wkts) . A C S Pigott, I D K Selisbury and P W Threitail did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-49, 3-67, 4-84, 5-101 6-102.

BOWLING: Labrooy 9-0-40-1.

Wickemansinghe 12-2-30-2, Gurusinha 7-0-36-1; Madurusinghe 9-1-17-1; Wijetunge 9-4-15-1; Jeyasunya 1-0-4-0; Attapattu 1-0-4-0. Umpres: G I Burgess and J H Hams

U-19 International England v Pakistan TAUNTON (first day of four; Pakistan Under-19 won toss) Pakistan Under-19 have scored 384 for three wickets against England Under-19

PAKISTAN UNDER-19 M Jemshed c Noon b Cork T Menmood c Keech b Hallett S Ahmad c Hallett b Cork Z Fazal not out Hussain not out Extras (to 9, w 2, no 2) . Total (3 wkts) 384
N Mughal, "HM Khan, S Hussam, A
Rahman, A Laeeq and N Khan to bet
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-229, 3-332.

ENGLAND UNDER-19 P A Grayson, P CL Holloway, J P Crawney, K A Burier, M Kesch, A R Hoberts, "Tw M Noon, J C Hallett, D Gough, D G Cork, A A Bernett, Umpres & Dudleston and K J Lyons. Sussex's title

SUSSEX'S second XI clinched the Rapid Cricketline championship when they beat Yorkshire by 169 runs at Eastbourne yesterday. Sussex left Yorkshire 300 to win and bowled them out for 130, Bunting taking four for 57. It is

Sussex's first title for 12 years. They won nine of their 16 matches and lost only once.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Leeds sound a note of caution against established powers

game at Naughton Park last week, people were asking the inevitable question about who can stop Wigan from repeating last season's runaway championship success. After Widnes's 24-22 win, the question has been amended, with Widnes bracketed alongside Wigan with an equal aura of

Had the question been posed before the first round of the Yorkshire Cup, there Northern, would have been claims from "We we east of the Pennines that Leeds, having signed the New Zealand full back, John would at long last challenge the supremacy of Wigan and

However, when Harkin's former club, Bradford North-

were hastily revised.

two top clubs of the last

"We were beaten in the forwards," he said. "If we can get our pack and our tackling right, we have the pace and success: it's time the major honours came back to York-

This last sentiment of Schofield's was echoed by Lee ern, heavily defeated Leeds. Crooks, now at Castleford, only to be similarly beaten. After Castleford's emphatic themselves by Castleford in defeat of Bradford Northern

GUIDE TO THE SEASON

BRADFORD NORTHERN: They may regret saling Kelvin Skerrett to Wigan and disturbing a splendid pack. Karl Fairbank, David Hobbs and company will produce some good results.
CASTLEFORD: The most attractive

bridesmads in the business, but getting tred of not making it to the altar. If they have at last got to grips with their defence, they could, at last, produce the goods in all companions.

COMPANIONS. FEATHERSTONE ROVERS: Any side coached by Peter Fox will be full of determination, grit and the will to win. They may not figure in the title run-in, but contenders will not relish a trip to Post Office Road. HULL: The loss of the coach, Boan Smith, may but the brake on the Boulevard revival. This may seem untain to Noel Cleal, but Smith certainly lifted the club in the last two seasons. Rank outsiders for the championship, but may prosper in

the cups.

HULL KINGSTON ROVERS: On the return to the first division. Roger Milward and his men may settle for a safe placing in the table. If Rovers get their optensive act together, they should survive with ease. LEEDS: Those with Yorkshire at heart, or who want to see an end to

Lancashire domination, will be behind big-spenders Laeds, John Gallagher will settle down, and there is so much talent at Headingley that they look top-tour certainties. OLDHAM: Another promoted side that will want to protect itself from relegation. Tony Barrow may keep it Widnes open without Offiah

Martin Offiah, will be out of the game for several weeks (Keith Macklin writes).

The Widnes back line is full of

international talent, pace and skill, but there are those who

wonder whether the finishing power of Offiah, and the di-

versions he causes for defenders,

are an integral part of the

Wigan as favourites for the

Stones Bitter championship

after beating them twice in early

season matches, and they should start the new league

season with a win against a Bradford side which was shal-

Widnes have now overtaken

hack division may be assessed at by Castleford.

It is hard to look beyond the deceive.

decade in seeking this season's championship winners - yet notes of caution and warning have come from all sides. Garry Schofield, who had an outstanding tour of Papua New Guinea and New Zealand as vice-captain, says that Leeds learned a lot from the defeat against Bradford

Gallagher, and the skilful skill in the backs to beat scrum half, Paul Harkin, anybody. We're desperate for

turn the best in one-off trophy games.
ROCHDALE HORNETS: The Hornets coach, Alan Agar, and his directors were honest when they said that promotion last season had come too soon, before they had had time to spend and build up a tirst division squad. This may seem just

too true in weeks to come. ST HELENS: Could be among the leaders, but have started the seabadly. The coach, Mike Mc-ian, has got leading players on his books, but injuries and lack of configence have handicapped the

early games.
SHEFFIELD EAGLES: The surprise team of last season, who hung on to first dwision status against all predictions. Gary hetherington is one of the best motivators in the business, but there may again be a firstianon with relegation.

WARRINGTON: Did splendidly to win the Lancashine Cup last season and reach Wembley, but without the leadership of Mike Gregory, they may not reach such heights this time around. WIDNES: Have played brilliant attacking football from the start of season, with Jonathan Davies in magnificent form, and Tait, Devereux, Currier and Vinght forming a prodigious back line. But they will miss Martin Offiah in this injury is as bad as predicted.

WIGAN: Title favourtes once more, and with enough great players to overcome the potential loss of Ellary Hanley. The list includes Gregory, Lydon, Edwards, Iro, Platt and Goodway, Need one say more?

probable title contenders from

Yorkshire. That claim will be severely tested at Warrington.

where the Lancashire Curshold-

ers, even without the injured

Mike Gregory, are extremely

recover their pride after their home reverse against Bradford

Northern in the Yorkshire Cup.

which has yet to show signs of

knitting together. Two pretend-

ers to the throne in Hull and St.

Helens meet at the Boulevard.

and St Helens will need to

improve vastly to convince

anyone that their challenge is a

EQUESTRIANISM

heating a promoted team

Leeds visit Oldham, and may

hard to beat.

genuine onc.

BEFORE the Lancashire Cup the second round, opinions last Sunday, Crooks said that Castleford are ready to make a genuine challenge this season after years of flattering to

> "Our defence was great against Bradford, and we seem to have got it right at last under our coach, Darryl van de Velde

Any championship chall-enge from Bradford Northern would come from their powerful pack, which has now lost Kelvin Skerrett to Wigan, and after the Castleford debacle. the Odsal side went back badly in the betting. St Helens will have a lot of backers, and have a lot of good players, but their opening form has been

Which brings us back to Wigan. At Central Park, the Australian coach, John Monie, never a man who likes to trumpet from the housetops, adopts a typically cautious attitude.

Widnes looked a good side when they beat us in the Charity Shield and Lancashire Cup, and the biggest threat to us will come from them," he said. "But don't go rubbishing Leeds after just one defeat against Bradford Northern. David Ward has got a fine bunch of players at Headingley, and they will be smarting to win something tangible after going so close in the championship last season."

Wigan's challenge may depend on whether Ellery Hanley survives his pelvic injury and plays enough games for In the second division, the

outlook is much the same. with Leigh and Salford from west of the Pennines looking odds-on certainties to make a quick return to the top Away from the champ-

ionship scene, the shadows lengthen from Australia, Hanley has said that he wants to be fit for the first international at Wembley on October 27 Mike Gregory, captain of the 1990 tour, is definitely out with a serious finger injury. and other senior international players are having their fitness

portents are not good after the

way Homets crumbled against Salford in the Lancashire Cup. Sheffield Eagles are another

team who evoke public sym-

pathy and support, but they,

oo, can be given little chance of

success against the champions,

Wigan at Central Park. Ellery Hanley, the Wigan and

Great Britain capiain, was yes-

terday named Player of the 1980s at the launch of Rothmans Rughy League Year-

• Rothmans Rughy League Yearhook 1991-1, edited by Raymond Fletcher and David

Howes (Queen Anne Press, £12.95).

144% for 1940-1.

Castleford's early form has starting their first division life

Dayjur, seen here landing the Temple Stakes at Sandown in May, attempts to tighten his grip on the sprint championship at Haydock today (2.45)

and Jun Bolger, Capricciosa, one of the O'Brien pair, dis-appointed behind Mac's Imp in

the Heinz 57 Phoenix Stakes but

stepped up on that performance when reversing placings with

at Phoenix Park last Sunday.

Zigaura to lose maiden Topical winners led tag at the highest level by Blue Aeroplane

DAVID Elsworth has already demonstrated his versatility to Irish racegoers this year by winning the Irish Grand Nat-ional with Desert Orchid and the Irish 1,000 Guineas with In The Groove.

Comorrow, at the Curragh, the Whitsbury trainer can cap-ture one of the country's most significant juvenile events, the

group one Moyglare Stud numers including two each from Stakes, with Zigaera. Stakes, with Zigatra.

Although still a maiden after four races, Zigatra has been competing in top company, her runs including a second to Chicarica in the Cherry Hinton Stakes at Newmarket and a close fourth behind Only Yours in the

CURRAGH FIELDS

3.0 GPA NATIONAL STAKES (Group I: 2-Y-O: IrE96,800: 7f) (8

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82313 PRODUGAL BLUES 22 (D.F.) (C Wright) J HBs 9-0 S Crease 4
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HALVERNICO best Approach The Bench by 15/1 in group it race at the Curragh (8f carried with PRODICAL Company) (8f carried with PRODICAL CARRIED WATERS was short head 3nd to Winter Scout Selection MALVERNICO)

3.40 MOYGLARE STUD STAKES (Group I: 2-Y-O filies: In296,800: 6f)

11-4 Zigaura. 4-1 Capricciosa. 9-2 Jameskity, 5-1 Isle Of Gless, 8-1 Invandalle. Of Darkness. Amparo. 10-1 Trebie Hook, 12-1 African Darica, 14-1 Nordic Soprano.

Ampero, 10-1 frede Hook, 12-1 Amean Darics, 14-1 Notice Soprano,

CAPROCCIOSA best INISHIBALLA (same
terms) by 21 in group three race at
Phoenix Park (6t, good to yelding) with
AMPARO (same terms) 121 4th ISLE OF

GLASS best Reach The Wind by 2%I at
Phoenix Park (6t, good).

JAMEELATY good %I 2nd to Trojan

Crown in a listed race at Newmarket (7t,

Selection: ZRGAURA

4.0 WATERLOO HANDICAP (£2,700: 6f) (16) 1 0006 SHOUT FORE 21 (O.F.G) N Calaghan 3-10-0

a sharp pin or relying on outrageous coincidence were in their element yesterday at Kempton Park's Battle of Britain race day.

The aptly-named Blue Acro-

the Capital House Spittire Nursery Handicap and, minutes before a real Spittire performed

The pick of the Irish, though, may be Isle Of Glass, a daughter of Affirmed, who created a favourable impression when winning with ease on her debut. From a favorable high draw,
From a favorable high draw,
Richard Quinn always had Blue
Aeroplane nicely positioned behind Marching Pist before taking the lead with a furloug to go.
The 24-length winning distance
did not reflect the case of the English stables make a stronger numerical attack on this afternoon's GPA National Stakes with the trio who filled the first three places in the Washington Singer Stakes at Newbury last month clashing

Heart Of Darkness, from the stable which won this race 12 Handicap. The lan Balding-trained filly is a daughter of months ago with Dashing Blade, emerged the 11/2-length winner at Newbury and, even on 31/2 Glist Of Gold, after whom worse terms, should confirm the form with Caerdydd. Malvernico was the first of

Jim Bolger's youngsters to win this term, breaking 60 seconds at Leopardstown on St Patrick's Day. He has kept his form well and is a double group three Bolger believes that the seven

furlongs of the National Stakes will suit him better than the he could be the danger to Heart

• Both group one races at the Curragh this weekend will be televised live BBCl and Channel 4 both show today's GPA National Stakes while tomorrow's Moyglare Stud Stakes is

2 4861 JUST JENNINGS 22 (A,CD,F) W O'Gorman 59-10
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10 06-9 ALEXANDRA KATRINE 146 M Tomptons 4-8-9

13 1105 CRAIL HAMBOUR 24 (D,G) M Johnston 4-8-7

12 3546 BARONESS GYMCRAK 8 M H Easterby 3-8-7

5 5106 PATTIES GREY 12 (B,CD) J Emeringion 4-8-11

PUNTERS who ignore the form thome to win by 14 lengths-book and find winners by using The colt earned a 50-I qu

The aptly-named Blue Acro- working favourably at home plane was a popular choice for with some of David Elsworth's

a fly-past over the Sunbury course in memory of the "lew", the Paul Cole-trained colt cruised to a stylish win.

victory.
Clare Court had set the coincidental tone for the day is the opening. National Breakdown

yesterday's feature cace was Seamus O'Gorman Balding's accomplished claimer, shadowed the front-running Nikitas before taking the lead entering the straight and never looked

like being caught: The mere appearance of Stark South in the Milcars Chertsey Lock Stakes should have been enough to alert the sharp-eyed punter. Michael Kauntze, a former assistant to the legendary Vincent O'Brien, seldom makes the long journey from Co Meath to these shores. His last visit to Kempton was in 1978 and, like yesterday, it proved victorious. With not favourite Jallad

Victor Chandler and will now be aimed for the Catter Million Apart from those who knew that Silver Braid had been most promising two year-olds, there was little to point towards her chances in the Milcars Fillies' Stakes.

However, the 14-1 shot displayed an impressive turn of foot to sweep past half a dozen horses in the straight.

To add to the list of coincidences, the Miswald fills,
who cost \$70,000 at the
Konneland sales, belongs to lar and Mrs Les Ward, spousors of

yesterday's race.
The Whitsbury trainer confirmed he is having negotiations
with Cash Asimuseo to see if the American can ride more of his horses next season. But the outcome hinges on whether Steve Cauthen decides to accept a full-time retainer with Sheith Mohammed and Asmussen is

would like to come to an arrangement," Elsworth said. Thalcib, only once out of the frame this season, was skilfully produced by Willie Carson to cut down Treble Eight and hold the late challenges of flatzushka and Princess Accord in the listed ancial Times Ghin of Gold

Knight's Baroness, the Irish
 Oaks winner, heads the 12 five-day acceptors for Wednesday's

group two A F Budge Park Hill Stakes at Doncaster. The others are: Ahead, Applecross, Chir-rup, Cruising Height, Madame Dubois, Nafhaat, Nafzawa; Pipproving a big disprointment after having every chance three furloags from home. Stark South swooped a furloag from and Whitehaven.

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Yesterday's results

Kempton Park

Geings good

2.6 (tm 6t) 1. CLARE COURT (8 O'Gorman, 8-1); 2. Lover's Courage (R Cochrane, 8-1); 3. Policy Welcow (A Munro, 25-1);
ALSO RAN: 3 few Springs Welcome, 8
Cherden, Middle (4th), Myhamet, GoForush, 9 Herberto (8th), 12 Niconso, 20
Durylui (8th), Greet Mil. 25 Castile Rock,
13 ran, 2/sl. 51, 22, 11, 22, 1 Badding at
Kingscieru; Totes: 29-40; 22-20; 23-20,
213-90, DF: 223-90, CSF: 267-94, Tricast:
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21,41,06. 2min 58,12sec.
2.35 (87) 1, SLUE AEROPLANE (7 Culm., 11-2 J.-4sv; 2, Merching Peat J. Alsuro, 11-2 it-4sv; 3, Diga 43 Reid. 10-1). ALSO RAN. 6 Yes 88th, 7 Sederofonte, 9 Level Xing (5th): 10 Chestrian Reil, 14 Land Sun, Merryhill Meid, 16 Fromitia, Seris Prais, 20 Minizen Dancer, 23 Princess Mondyston, Celestial Sky (401), 14 ran. 251, 32, 251, 42, 113. P Cole at Winescombe, Tota: 54.80, 52.20, £1.90, £3.30. DF: 28.80, CSP: 233.44. Tocast: 5288, 15. Irinit 13.90sec.

combe. Total PLBU, EZ-JL, ET-94, 23-30.

OF: ES. OTC: PLBU, EZ-JL, ET-94, 23-30.

OF: ES. OTC: STARK SOUTH (J. Raid, 13-2); 2. Living image (at Tebbort, 33-1); 3. Woodnear's Movert (J. Dettort, 8-4); ALSO PAN: 6-5 fav Jadied, 7 Pan: 12 Close Friend, 16 Marine Society (Sm), Nationarus, 25 Deurstees Maght, Ergish Rai, Golden Barth, Fival Bid (Ath), SS Long Lesve, 50 Bid For Stardon; Macedonias (St), Seinger, Superson, 17 ran. US; K; K; K; II, Ir, Ir, M Kaundon In Instant, Total 29-30; 22-30, 22-30, C. 190. DF: 770. SO, CSF. 2182.44.

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3.46 (1m) 1. PHAKES (W Carson, 7-2; 2. Betzeelka; (A Murro, 16-1; 3. Princeses Accord (J. Deltor), 9-1), ALSO RAN: 3 fav. Sabosage, 13-2 Trable Egint (Sm), 10 You Missaed Me, 11 Home Tridh (Sth), 12 Paintenann, 16 Contentant, 20 Site, Past (4th), 25 Herotas Seath, 50 Khayemour, 100 Alcanbo. 13 ran. II, ah hd, 151, 274, 21 J. Gooden at Newmarket, 7 Ore: EX.70; 21-30, 23-30, 22-10. DF: 233.00, CSF. 254.64.

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Haydock Park

Going: good 2.15 (vm 80) 1, Parmin (Ni Richerts, 8-4 (avr. Gir. Nermantari Garcespondent's amb): 2, Payalf (7-7): 3, Judicial (8-1), 12 rat. 31, 131, A Sayant, Tone: 22.50; 11, 10, 22.40, 22.50. DF-26.50. CSP 214.78. 22.40, 22.50. DF-26.50. CSF 214.09.
285 (int 21 130):01 1. The Gooder (L. Chemode, 25-1); 2, Aerdwan (A Calhane, 13-2); 3, Top Ok The Sill (14-1); 4, Officer Cader(15-2); 18 nn. NnF Propert, 194. N. 194. A Stringest. Tom: 28.335. 212-10. 21.90. 22.10. DF. 2370:40. CSF: 21.91.02. Treasy: 22.203.15.
3.30 (5); 1, Zenoni & Coezae. 9-1); 2. Mannt. Banker (18-2); 3, Brisse (20-1). Respectable Jones 4-1 fee, 15-20. [42.0]. 22.0. 25.70. DF: 259.50. CSF: 259.59. Treasy: 21.017.16.

27.50. DF: 219.60. GEP: 222.50.
4.20 (S) 1. Calbon Churlin (Plat Esdery, 5-1); 2. Ferman Late (18-1); 3. Kabhand Q-1 (sw), 16 (sa), 147. Gray Facord, 4, 2 G Nelson, Toke: 6.80; 22.50; 55.10, 51.90. DF: 293.50. CSF: 220.99.
4.60 (in. 4) 1. Western Dystery (S Carter, 9-2); 2. Thirdulinia (15-2); 3. Longalistenium (12-1). Freedin 4-6.40, 13 (sa), 33-1, 141. MR part, Toke 75.70, 21.99.
52.20, 23.90. DF: 212.80. GSF-123.71. Tricast: 2355.80. Placepot 21.465.03. Newton Abbot

Geing: good to firm— 2.30 (2m: 150/d helis) 1. Olek Kright (7 Dunscock, 7-2 tark) 2. Gaby Soy (13-2; 3. Swift - Ascara (3-2) 11 mar. (8): Paris Mitter, Maple Hayes: hd. 354, 1 denting Tota: 23.39: 51-40; 52.10, 12.80, 07: 29.20, CSR 224.96, Tricant, 193.85. ESLED, CSPC ESLESS, THESISC ESSLESS:

3.6 (2m 5° ch) 1. Skieping Fin (P Scusiomore, 8-11 fact; 2. Dandy Mineral (7-1; 3. Weigh Cast 65-1). B ran, NP: Com Marchard. 274, 100. NP. Pop. Tota 2177; 21.40; EZSO, DP. 25.10. CSP. 25.15 T. 40, 22.80. DF: 25.10. CSF: 25.15
3.30 (2m 150yd hdio) 1. Friendly Feebra
() Londer, 4-1); 2. Squadron (4-7 test) 3.
Able Valo. 61-21. 5 ma. ARC. Bright
Supplier, 2. H. F. Jordan: Tothe 24.20.
21.60, 21.20. DF: 22.10. CSF: 25.73
4.6 (3m 21.180yd ch) 1. Chancery Back
(1 Frost, 6-2); 2. Turnberry Drent 19-2; 3.
Sign. Post (4-1). William Antitony Event
inv. 7 ser. NR: Salzano, 2. 101. 43 Badding,
Tota: 24.30; 21.70, 21.80. DF: 25.80. CSF:
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heit. (4th. 7 ser. 10, 2. 1 Blank. Tota:
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5.0 (2m 150yd hdie) 1. Viscaroy Jesus (8)

227.42 5.8 (2m 150yd hdle) T, Woerey Seder M Maco, 11-8 byt; 2, Vigano (8-1); 3, Driving Poros (2-1). 1f ran. NR: Sir Brandon. 28, 101. R, Holder, Tote: 12.30; E1.70, £2.60, 21.10. OF: 22.80. CSP, £15.04. Placepor

Racing next week MCNOAY: Wolverbampton, Hamilton Park, TUESDAY: Lingilety Park, Cariole, Parth.
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SOUTHWELL Selections

By Mandarin

2.30 Amazake. 3.0 Where's Carol. 3.30 Sally's Prince. 4.0 Just Jennings. 4.30 Campai. 5.0 Portofino. 5.30 Detour. By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.30 Big Idea. 3.0 Coney Island. 3.30 Sally's Prince. 4.0 Just Jennings. 4:30 Campai. 5.0 Pass-ed Pawn. 5.30 Golden Gunner.

1m) (18 numbers)

4-1 Sebons, 5-1 No Decision, 11-2 Geetic Dancer, 13-2 Amazake, 8-1 Margs Girl, 10-1 Nodolya, 12-1 others. 3.0 DESIGN CONTRACTORS SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,826: 1m) (18)

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11-4 Salv's Phines, 3-1 Sing Out, 6-1 Dulcimet, 6-1 Sky Drama, 13-2 Geven Atlen, 10-1 Doine, 12-1 others.

Going: standard Draw: 61, low numbers best 2.30 WESTMINSTER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,847:

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3.30 BLACKFRIARS MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (Div 1: 2-Y-O: £2.050: 61) (18)

42 SING OUT 14 C Nation 9-0. Emiss O'Go 9 SO APT 61 M Tomplans 9-0. T W WILL HE OR WONT HE 51 M McCorneck 9-0

Course specialists

TRAINERS: C Nelson 5 winners from 11 runners 45.5%; M W Essenty, 7 from 20 35.0%, M 6-44, 3 from 12 25 0%; 6 Elon 3 from 14, 21 4%, F Lee, 3 from 15, 20 0%; C Tender, 6 from 30, 20.0%. Ausherra, Final Offer, Jond, Lofty Lady, Majmu, Satanic Dance, Shamshir, Shimmering Sea, Sipsi

3-1 Crall Herbour, 7-2 Just Janvings, 9-2 The Shaneher Bay, 6-1 Baroness Gymcrak, 8-1 Nigntmare Kneve, 10-1 others. 4.30 CHELSEA MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: \$2,060: 1m 4f) (13)

5.0 LAMBETH HANDICAP (£2,763: 1m 3f) (16)

8 6264 AVOCA HOLLARES SA John Fizzionnici 3-8-2 nt Tabl 9 3116 COLOUR SCHEME 21 (C) J Jordans 3-9-0

5.30 BLACKFRIARS MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (Div 11: 2-Y-O: £2,060: 61) (16) ... 1 448 CALL AT BORT 17 (B) J Ethichigh 9-0 (R Lippalis (B) 15
CONTRACTIONS DREAM J Bridge 9-0 (R Lippalis (B) 15
BERSHOND IN THE DANK 5 Norton 9-0.
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DE STADOWLAND 24 OP PRESENT GOOD 9-0. W Tomptons 1
SECOLDEN LAD 52 J Burry 9-0.
SECOLDEN L

12 SELLEFAN M Bell 8-9 T W
13 BSO BLAZING NONSESNOE 24 N Bygroft 8-9 G Ba
14 430 COLOWANYSE 30 L Codd 8-9 N
15 54 DETOUR 18 W Hagges 8-9 N
16 0045 ROBINS RETURN 28 D Smsb 8-4 L Che The 10 five-day acceptors for the group three May Hill Stakes at Doncaster on Wednesday are:

which is sponsored by Steadeabout £15,000 to £20,000 to turn last, another tackle firm, العلدًا منه للومل

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Herbert at top of her form JUDY Herbert, riding Sir Michbest dressage test at the Burchley Remy Martin horse trials yes terday and has moved into third place behind Marie-thristine Duroy, of France, and Mary Thomson, the Brush national champion, on King Bons. Herbert, whose brother, Philip, is clerk of the course at Burghley, and whose mather, Rosemary, is a dressage judge, is a stylish and expenenced dresrider. At Badminton in sage rider. At buarminion in May she was second after the first day of dressage. Yesterday she performed a beautifully light and rhythmic test which scored a succession of high marks from all three judges, including a nine for the counter-canter. The pair would have gone comfortably into the lead had it not been for THE second day of the Spruce son Hopseotch was up on the

Meadows show in Calgar, be-longed to the double World Cup

winner, lan Millar, who won the

Western Gas Stakes on Coar-

which proved insurmountable.

John Whitaker with Hender-

HOB Nudd, aged 45, from Halstead, Essey, beat 125 myals

from 25 countries in Yugoslavia recently to become the world's

No. I course angler, holding off challengers from France, trafy

the Soviet Union, Poland, Australia and the United States.

becomine a world champion

angler, but Nudd reckons that

the title will probably be worth.

There is no prize-money for

(Findlay Davidson wates).

By JENNY MACAPTHUR and one poor transition into

Even so, it has put Herbert, aged 29, from Chipping Warden in Oxfordshire, within striking distance of the leaders for today's cross country. She is more confident now than she was at Badminton. Since then she and the striking Chaka -Spectrach - have finished sixth at both the Gatcombe and Rotherfield trials.

Although her brother has built the fences for today's course. Herbert says she does not receive "inside" information on how to jump them. lenth position with her second horse. King Cuthbert, and would have been higher had the

into the lead had it not been for a mistake with the second half during part of the canter work. Millar returns in style

clock, but on the second attempt at the final upright knocked it

down. The four-time Canadian

champion, Mark Latkin, on

Voita T, took second place a

couple of seconds ahead of Joe Turn on Waysider. The Canadian, who suffered a minor brain haemorrhage in a fall on this showground and was MESULTS: Western Gos Stakes: 1 Coord Millar, Carp. 0 tauts, 41 565-60; 2 Venn 7 (Millarkin, Carp. 0 45,3,3, Krayster, J Tur. GS; 0,45,9 Proteintal Steel Cupr. Met C Guereseur M Burcy, Fri T7 63-60; 2 M at Cupping T Forms, 5 may, 75,05,3 M at C Prince D'Incomple in Gods groe Fri T6.2 unable to compete in the world championships, made his comeback here. Going second in the barrage of 11, he set a time

Blyth Tait, New Zealand's world champion, has his work cut out from joint sixteenth test on Ricochet, the 12-year-old former racehorse. The was lust too strong for dressage today." Tuit said. He hopes to compensate today over a course he describes as "big and technically demanding, but with plenty of Sharp gusts of wind kept the

tent tops around the arena flapping vesterday, and part of a park of Burghley House fell across the course just after fence to, the Dairy Mound.

Judy Bradwell, who won Burghley in 1970 on Don Camillo, was back in the winner's enclosure resterday when she and Articulate had a convincing win in the final of the four-year-old class for the mangural Pet Plan Equestrian Rachel Hunt, who was Britain's most successful young rider, was second on Matinee.

RESULTS: Burghley Renty Martin Horse Thals: Dressage: 1 Quart be Pulaneau 1740 Digity: Ft. 442, 2 thing Bors (At Thomson: 44,5,3,0 Chaka JJ Harbert). Tremson east a community and 5 s. Ferryman Will Trempson, 49 2 s. Percy Treason Will Trempson, 49 2 s. Percy Treason Will Trempson, 49 2 s. Percy Treason Will Trempson, 504 Pet Plan Equestional Burghtey Young Event Horse, Four-year-old hine! 1 Jib afacet s Announts 2 S. Hums Marines at J. Braduett s House O' Lords Free-year old hine! 1 S. Trempson's Audustic 2 E. Smaler's National Community 2 S. Hums and C. Roofeys. Butter By Hatt. 1. P. Hill 5 and C. Bowley ! On That.

FISHING

World title for Essex angler

in spinsorships and endorsements of tackle and equipment. There is prize-money to be won in UK match angling. however, and the pot is slowly growing bigger. Nudd is so insored by Browning, the tackle manufacturers.

but went to Yugaslavia as a

member of the England team

He used a Browning rod with length of 17 metres (called a pole and worth £1.5001 and reckons it was the longest in the championship.
The context was fished over

two days on the River Drava at Maribor - a total of six hours concentrated fishing - and Bob caught 20 fish, including reach and bream and local species called sterlet, weighing a total of

By Mandarin

1.45 Make Contact.

2.15 Masked Ball. 2.45 DAYJUR (nap).

3.20 Quaglino. 3.50 Baylis.

4.20 Dovale. 4.50 Hackforth.

Going: good

(A AYDOCK PARK - ...)

Selections

Michael Seely's selection: 2.45 Davius.

Draw: 6f, high numbers best

By Our Newmarket

1.45 La Visir.

2.15 Rio Piedras. 2.45 Statoblest.

3.20 Ocean Air.

4.50 Khaydara.

3.50 Baylis. 4.20 Ave Valeque.

BY WINNING the Temple Stakes at Sandown, the King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot and the Nunthorpe Stakes at York, Dayjur has already made plain his case to be regarded as the champion sprinter this season.

Unfortunately a further Newmarket because he was temporarily off-colour.

However, at Haydock Park today, Dick Hern's exceptionally fast three-year-old, who shattered the course record at York last time, can put matters right by beating Royal Academy and Great Commotion, the two who eventually finished first and second at Newmarket, in the

Ladbroke Sprint Cup.

A spectacular advertisement for the hobday operation, Dayjur will be extremely hard to catch if he can repeat over six furlongs what he has already achieved over five.

The key to his success has been a change in riding tactics, abandoning restraint and throwing caution to the wind.

As there has been no evidence of Dayjur stopping towards the end of his last three races, I confidently expect him to see out the extra furlong this afternoon.

There is growing optimism at Whitsbury, though, that Dead Certain, who was such a good two-year-old, can topple

4.30 Wolf Hall. 5.0 Mujaazif.

Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers best

4f) (10 runners)

THRSE

Selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Capability Brown. 2.30 Euro Galaxy. 3.0 Escape Talk. 3.30 Singing Star. 4.0 Highland Spirit. 4.30 Wolf Hall. 5.0 Mujaazif.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.0 Rainbow Stripes. 2.30 Thunderball. 3.0 My Opinion. 3.30 Pussy Foot. 4.0 Canny Chronicle.

Going: good to firm (stght); firm (bk stght) SIS

2.0 FALCON CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: 2,595: 1m

On her Cork & Orrery Stakes form with Great Commotion, she should certainly have been involved in the finish of the July Cup instead of which she ran

Just how badly can be winning the group two Prix with the subsequent Newbury Maurice de Gheest at Deau-winner, Balaat.

and Pharaoh's Delight have night ago while Storm At no earthly chance of beating Night was unfortunate to run Dayjur, who also has the measure of the French chal-lenger Ron's Victory if one ddamah, at Nottingham first harks back to Royal Ascot.

Tod actually managed to claim Dayjur's scalp over today's trip at Newbury way back in the spring. But that was before connections dis-covered the best way of riding. Walter Swinburn, who should covered the best way of riding also enjoy a good ride in the Bonusprint September Stakes happening again.

At the grand age of ten,
Masked Ball has enjoyed his
best season with five races in the bag already. Now it is not difficult to envisage him making it six in the Juddmonte Classic Classi Classic Claiming Stakes.

count of doubles for those has been working in great talented young jockeys Lan- style. franco Dettori on Make Con-tact (1.45) and Baytis (3.50) and Alan Munro on Quaglino (3.20) and Hackforth (4.50).

At Thirsk, Paul Eddery can land a double for Michael Stoute on Wolf Hall (4.30) and Mujaazif (5.0).

At Kempton, the Bonusprint Sirenia Stakes should fascinate handicappers, public and private alike, now that Majlood, Shalford and Storm At Night have all stood their ground.

Mailood arrived at Goodmeasured by her next race in wood for his debut with a big opportunity was lost when he which she beat the July Cup reputation which he prohad to miss the July Cup at third Rock City by a length in ceeded to vindicate by toying

> Shalford beat all but Flying On York form, Statoblest Brave at Newmarket a fortup against that same horse's time out.

While Mohawk Chief is another with good form, I still think that Majlood can reon Husyan, without perhaps

did the better. Now Spritsail Otherwise, the programme will enjoy a 5lb pull in the on the Lancashire track could weights on what is a belated easily be memorable on ac- seasonal debut for which he

At Thirsk, Paul Eddery can

3.30 CRATHORNE HANDICAP (£3.158: 5f) (15)

5 0006 ROYAL FAN 4 (D,F,Q,S) D Chapman 7-9-4

10 6243 JACK BOY 56 (D,G) J Baiding 5-8-7

6 1520 SRIGING STAR 11 (BF,CD,F) J Beiding 4-9-1

7 3155 FOR REAL 7 (CD.F.G.) J Etherington 3-9-0... K Derivy 1 8 8554 VALLDENOSA 21 (D.F.G.) J Environment J Carmil 9 4020 KABCAST 15 (B.D.F.G.S) D Chapman 5-8-9 J Fortune (3) 12

Claire Batking (7) 5
11 0001 MSS KELLYBELL 6 (C,G) R Thompson 3-8-4

14 8002 ORATEL FLYER 7 (V) A Thompson 3-8-0 Peel Eddery 19
15 2000 LEFT RIGHT 11 (G,S) (D) P Felgate 7-7-7

1.45 JOHN SMITH'S BITTER HANDICAP (£7,440; 2m 1f 130yd) (12 T Quint ... A Betes (7) L Detterl A Cour J Reid ndicae: Fiery Sun 5-9. BETTING: 5-2 La Visir, 4-1 Make Contact, 6-1 Crystal Spirit, 8-1 Natzawa, 10-1 Cacitano, King High 12-1 Prince Sobur, Retouch, 14-1 others 1989: TEAMSTER 3-8-9 W R Swinburn (5-2) M Stoute 7 ran FORM FOCUS RETOUCH ridden out to bear Lucky Verdet: by 21 at Ascot (2m 41, good to firm). CECILIANO beat Boulevard Girl (wriner since) by 41 at Southwell (AW, 2m 21, standard). MAKE CONTACT beat As (2m 500 dto firm) and holds solid claims here. PHILOSOPHOS, a very useful juvenile hunder, 101 2nd to Native Magic cass Ski (wriner since) 41 at Goodwood (2m 50yd, good to firm). KING HIGH won at the prohibitive 3 selections LA VISIR 2.15 JUDDMONTE CLASSIC CLAIMING STAKES (£10,495: 1m 2f BETTING: 15-8 Masked Ball, 9-2 Young Fact, 6-1 Visage, 8-1 Toushtari, 8-1 Cool Ron, Rio Piedr 10-1 Calachuchi, Tynan, 12-1 Needwood Sprine, 14 others. 1989: NO CORRESPONDING RACE FORM FOCUS COOL Run 2%! 2nd to Wessern Dynasty at Lexcester (1m 4i, good to firm) with TOUSHTAR! All Lexcester (1m 4i, good to firm) with TOUSHTAR! Clab better of!) 1%! 4th MASTER PLAN beat Monteros Boy a head at Ponselract (1m, firm) last month. YOUNG FACT, a course and distance winner, 1%; 2nd to Margub over course and distance winner, 1%; See Gandbloson by 5i at Chesser (1m 2i 85yd, good) to firm) last time out, with TYRIAN a well-bester 7th. 2.45 LADBROKE SPRINT CUP (Group I: £77,597: 6f) (9 runners) (4) 22-2124 GREAT COMMOTION 38 (D.F.G.S) (M AI Maldourn) A Scott 4-9-8 B Raymond 92 (6) 0-13062 STATOBLEST 16 (D.F.G.) (R Duchosools) L Currani 4-9-9 L Dettori 67 (7) 012111 DAYJUR 16 (D.F.S) (H Al-Maktourn) W Hern 3-9-6 W Ryan 89 (2) 154424 DUCK AND DIVE 15 (D.B.F.F.G) L) Horgani R Harmon 3-9-6 W Ryan 89 (1) 521221 RON'S VICTORY 56 (D.G.) (J Moes) A Falourd 3-9-6 A Cruz 92 (5) 18-121 ROYAL ACADEMY 58 (D.G.) (Casser Thoroughbrods Pic) M O'Brien 3-9-6 Reid 98 (15-63) TOD 15 (V.D.F.) (C Fry J Berry 3-9-6 TO W O'Brien 3-9-6 T Quinn 80 (9) 11-0261 DEAD CERTARI 34 (D.F.G.) (Commander G Marten) D Elsworth 3-9-3 A Munro 96 (3) 2-05023 PHARAON'S DELIGHT 16 (D.F.) (Al-Deera Ltd.) J Hudson 3-9-3 M Roberts 55 (ETTING: 4-6 Daylur, 9-2 Dead Certain, 6-1 Royal Academy, 14-1 Great Commotion, Ron's Victory, SETTING: 4-6 Daylur, 9-2 Dead Certain, 6-1 Royal Academy, 14-1 Great Commotion, Ron's Victory, Pharaon's Design, 33-1 Statoblest, 100-1 Duck And Dive, 200-1 Tod. 1989: DANEHILL 3-9-5 Pat Eddery (3-1) J Tree 9 ran

FORM FOCUS DAYJUR broke the course record by over a second when making all to beat STATOBLEST (same terms) by 4! (in the group I Keeneland hunthorpe Stakes at York (54, good to Imm), with PHAROAH'S DELIGHT (same terms) 2 and DELIGHT for and 3th respectively.

Kimiton Mak Selections By Mandarin By Our Newmarket 2.15 Routilante. 2.15 La Stupenda. 2.45 Lady Lacey. 3.15 Majlood. 2.45 Barkston Singer. 3.15 MAJLOOD (nap). 3.45 Langury Lady. 4.15 Spritsail. 4.45 Tinca. 3.45 Langtry Lady. 4.15 Spritsail. 4.45 Tinca. 5.15 All Welcome. By Michael Seely

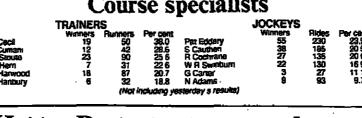
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 ROUTILANTE. Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers best SIS Going: good 2.15 TEDDINGTON FILLIES GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,901: 6f) (8 runners) T Lang H Swinburn ... N Adems 1989: NO CORRESPONDING RACE 2.45 ARION FILLIES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3.733: 1m) (21 runners)

BETTING: 5-1 Molly Splash. 11-2 Keen Melody, 5-7 Lady Lacey, Grown At Rowen, 8-1 Yankee Piyer, 1 Choir Leader, Barkston Singer, 14-1 Bubulina, 16-1 others.

1989: MYSTERY MUSIC 9-3 R Cochrane (14-1) L Cumani 17 ran 3.15 BONUSPRINT SIRENIA STAKES (Listed race: 2-Y-O: £9,585: 6f) (8

1989: STAR HILL 9-1 J Williams (11-2) W Wightman 9 ran FORM FOCUS MAILOOD was when bearing Balest 2 at Goodwood (81, good to firm) structure and 17 to Flying Brave at Newmarket (71, good to firm) ASTERIX beat Meginty Oragon a neck at Batti 51 (67 yd. hrm) on penultimate start, taxest 13 % last of 5 to Mutathid in a Group III race at York (81, good) of Mutathid in a Group III race at York (81, good of RROVE ARIES beat Surplus 61 in a 3-runner event at Yarmouth (81, good to firm) on penultimate start at Yarmouth (81, good to firm) on penultimate start at Yarmouth (81, good to firm) earlier beat Matathid 's I at Yarmouth (81, good to firm) with GROVE ARIES 1 (81) of 6 to 100 to 100

Course specialists



Hector Protector to stay unbeaten Hector Protector, partnered by Fred die Head, may have most to fear from

WITH British trainers declining to take him on, Hector Protector can stretch his unbeaten record to five in tomorrow's the improving Lycius, an easy winner at group one Prix de la Salamandre at Longchamp (Our French Racing Correspondent writes),

Stavros Niarchos's Woodman colt marked himself down as France's leading investible where the group three Deutsch Hanover tomorrow, a South African champio

ing juvenile when showing a smart turn of foot to win last month's Prix Morny and that form was elevated on Tuesday when Divine Danse, the Deauville runner-up, ran away from her rivals in the Prix d'Arenberg.

Deauville last month.

Billy Newnes partners Calcavecchia in the group three Deutscher Stutenpreis at Hanover tomorrow, a race in which the South African champion, Felix Coetzee, makes his German debut on Surikhana.
Free Thinker runs her last race for Ian Balding in the \$75,000 Violet Handicap at Meadowlands, New Jersey, today when she will be ridden by the crack American jockey, Chris Antley.

والأملية أمرا ووالأرام وأراد والماسية فالأناث المعلق للمواليسيين RACING 31 Guide to our in-line racecard 103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88 Flacecard number. Draw in brackets. So-figure distance winner. GF - beaten favounts in talest race). Going on which horse has vion B - brought down. S - slipped up. R - refused. D - disqualited). Horse's name. Days sace lest: S - soft. good to firm, hard. G - good. O disqualited). Horse's name. Days sace lest: S - soft. good to soft, heavy). Owner in outling: J if tumps, F if flat. (B - binkers, brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider V - visor. H - hood. E - Eyeshield. C - course plus any allowance. The Times Private winner. D - distance waner. CD - course and Handicapper siraing. 3.20 ALTRINCHAM STAKES (2-Y-O: £7,505; 1m 40vd) (9 runners) BETTING: 5-2 Parist 7-2 Ocean Air, 5-1 Marsakız. 8-1 Bıg Blow. Quagimo, 10-1 Fast-Talkın Tinker. Kon-noor, 12-1 Solde, 16-1 Green Lane. 1989: LAIRD OF BALMORAL 6-11 M Breth (13-2) M Easterby 11 ran 3.50 BIRKDALE LIMITED HANDICAP (£15,530: 1m 2f 130yd) (11 Tunners) (4) 211-10 NANGARAR 58 (D.BF.F) (Aga Khar) M Stoute 4-9-7. A
(10) 2440-00 DUST DEVIL 54 (B.D.F.S) (A Ison) J Duntop 5-9-1. W
(11) 130022 FRRE TOP 14 (D.F.G) (Mrs A Valentine) R Akchurst 5-6-11
(6) 5-85200 GRAN ALBA 17 (F) (C Kéroy) R Hamon 4-6-11
(5) 331331 BAYLIS 19 (D.G) (Sheakh Monammed) L Curreani 3-8-9. L
(3) 18-2035 LORD DAVID S 14 (F.G) (H Kaskel) B Halls 4-8-7. 68 F
(11) 12-0206 MATIVE TRIBE 71 (F) (Mrs J Beeby) B Hallsury 3-8-4. S O'Gom
(8) 651- MY LORD 305 (F) (S Mgnarel J Gosden 3-8-4. S O'Gom
(2) 6-13501 GOD BLESS YOU 87 (S) (S Akchalita) S Norten 3-8-0. Dolle Gib.
(6) 112205 PERSUASINE 84 (D.S) (W McHarg) J S Wisson 3-8-0. Dolle Gib.
(7) 308204 CASHTAL DAZZLER 14 (C.F.) (G Akterson) J Berry 3-8-0. 11 (7) 306204 CASHTAL DAZZLER 14 (C.F) (G Alkmon) J Berry 3-8-0. ve 7-0, Cashiel Dazzler 6-13. BETTING: 5-2 Baylis, 4-1 Fire Top, 6-1 Gran Alba, 8-1 Lord David S, My Lord, 12-1 Cashtal Dazzler. 1988: SPLENDID CAREER 3-9-8 L Detton (10-1) L Cumani 19 ran 4.20 ST ANNE'S NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £8,415: 6f) (17 runners) 41233 90KICHA CYSTON 14 (D.G) (Dervets Ltd) J Berry 9-7.

951 TUSKY 8 (D.G) (Lord Matriews) M Camacho 9-5.

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952 AVE VALEOUE 12 (D.F) (Mrs D Westherby) C Neison 9-4.

256240 PIGALLE WONDER 14 (W Gredley) C British 9-1.

522 AVE VALEOUE 28 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-6.

14 NORTHERN SPARK 53 (G) (G Brissen) C Thornton 8-7.

221341 SHE'S SMART 28 (F) (B Shawn) M H Easterby 8-6.

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1 GAELIC CHIEF 28 (D.F) (J Acklam) C Tinker 8-6.

184351 CIBOURE 9 (D.F) (T Barker) M Usher 8-3.

195 TIME FOR THE BILLES 70 (G) IP Savid J Berry 8-3.

15 SWINGAWAY LADY 12 (D.F) (E Medden) G Richards 8-2.

30 SH13 EASTERN MUSIC 56 (F) (Marizen Lul) M British 8-0.

31 DOVALE 12 (G) (Mrs E Lambton) W Jarvis 7-10.

405320 WHO'S TEF 14 (F) (T F Freight Ltd) M H Easterby 7-7.

Bald Selle Danseuse 6-10. 41232 BOKKHA CYSTON 14 (D.G) (Denvits Ltd) J Berry 9-7......

SETTING: 4-1 She's Smart, 11-2 Bold Double, 6-1 Swingaway Lady, 8-1 Dovale, Tusky, 10-1 Ookkha iton, Kandara, 12-1 Eastern Music, Time For The Blues, 16-1 cithers. 1989: PLATONIQUE 9-1 D McKeown (5-1) Mrs J Ramsden 14 ran

dicap: Belle Danseuse 6-10.

Date Gabson (3)

4.50 LADBROKE RACING HANDICAP (£7,700: 7f 40yd) (11 runners)

1989: NO CORRESPONDING RACE Course specialists

TRAINERS **JOCKEYS** 28.6 23.4 22.7 22.0 21.2

figures last year with 107. Roberts came Michael Roberts reached his century for the third season in succession when completing an 11%-1 double at Haydock within a head of another winner on Miami Banker in the Tower Group yesterday on Farmin and Danneman. Roberts had his best year in 1988 with Handicap, victory here going to fellow South African, Felix Coetzee, riding his 121 winners and also reached treble first British winner on Zanino.

3.45 GEOFFREY HAMLYN HANDICAP (£4,250: 1m) (22 runners) 408 (21) 292209 ROSEATE LOGGE 17 (D.P.G) (Inmert Record) R Armstrong 4-9-0 W R Sweeber 409 (12) 22216 GYPSY RIVER 19 (D.P.) (K Abdulla) R Crayton 3-8-13. Pat Edder 410 (15) 3500- CASTORET 317 (Lady D'Awgdor-Godsmol) J Hills 4-8-11 R HE 411 (22) 510000 PROFIT A PREMORE 42 (F.S) (P Thome) D Wilson 6-9-10 B Rose 412 (17) 0-51210 ROLLESON 17 (D.F.G) (Mrs N Griffiths) B Morgan 6-9-10 C Carta 413 (18) 000442 CAPE PAECON 14 (E Gadsderi) L Cottrel 5-8-10 T Lain 414 (18) U00555 MONTPELIER LAD 21 (Sir M Sendberg) W Hashings-Bass 3-8-8 F Coctami 415 (1) 331123 JOLE DE ROSE 18 (D.B.F.F.S) (A Alkin) M Slanshard 5-8-7 R Coctami 416 (S) 691-302 TOP O'NE 12 (F) (C HIS) (C HIS 5-9-7 R C Coctami 417 (11) 01-0000 BOULES 73 (B,S) (M Cummings) L Cottrell 4-8-6 C Restin 418 (3) 000542 KRISEET 76 (D Simester) D Baworth 3-8-6 C Restin 418 (7) (2011) A GOVAL DARFIDOKTHY 28 (D.B.F.F.S) (Abrahamer 1:6 B Alliman 5-7-13 P D'Auto-147 (7) (2011) A GOVAL DARFIDOKTHY 28 (D.B.F.F.S) (Abrahamer 1:6 B Alliman 5-7-13 P D'Auto-147 (7) (2011) A GOVAL DARFIDOKTHY 28 (D.B.F.F.S) (Abrahamer 1:6 B Alliman 5-7-13 P D'Auto-147 (7) (2011) A GOVAL DARFIDOKTHY 28 (Abrahamer 1:6 B Alliman 5-7-13 P D'Auto-147 (7) (2011) A GOVAL DARFIDOKTHY 28 (Abrahamer 1:6 B Alliman 5-7-13 P D'Auto-147 (7) (2011) A GOVAL DARFIDOKTHY 28 (Abrahamer 1:6 B Alliman 5-7-13 P D'Auto-147 (7) (2011) A GOVAL DARFIDOKTHY 28 (Abrahamer 1:6 B Alliman 5-7-13 P D'Auto-147 (7) (2011) A GOVAL DARFIDOKTHY 28 (Abrahamer 1:6 B Alliman 5-7-13 P D'Auto-147 (7) (2011) A GOVAL DARFIDOKTHY 28 (Abrahamer 1:6 B Alliman 5-7-13 P D'Auto-147 (7) (2011) A GOVAL DARFIDOKTHY 28 (Abrahamer 1:6 B Alliman 5-7-13 P D'Auto-147 (7) (2011) A GOVAL DARFIDOKTHY 28 (2011) A BYBANCH (2011) A GOVAL DARFIDOKTHY 28 (2011) A GOV 418 (3) 005042 ROBBEET 76 (D Simester) D Blaworth 3-8-6.

419 (7) 024014 ROYAL DARTIMOUTH 28 (D.BF.F.S) (Avainater Ltd) B Millman 5-7-13 P D'Ancy
420 (6) 00-0136 DOUBLE ENTERORE 15 (D.F.S) (K Biake) M Haynes 4-7-12.

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BETTRIG: 3-1 Langary Lady, 9-2 Northern Habit, 7-1 Gypsy River, 15-2 Western Wolf, 8-1 You Are A Ster, 10-1 Vacroy, 12-1 Cape Pigeon, Montpelier Lad, 14-1 Kbreet, 16-1 others.

1989: GENOTIN 6-7-12 Dana Mellor (9-1) S Mellor 15 ran

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4.15 BONUSPRINT SEPTEMBER STAKES (Group III: £26,358: 1m 3f

BETTING: 11-4 Recents Tern, 9-2 Lord Of The Field, 6-1 Husyen, 8-1 lie De Niely 10-1 Spritsell, Song Of pence, 12-1 Indian Queen.

1969: ASSATIS 4-9-5 R Coctrane (4-6 fav) G Harwood 5 ran

FORM FOCUS ROSEATE TERN beat LE DE NISKY (25) better off) 2 at Newmarket (1m 44, good to firm), least 1814 4th of 6 to in The Wings at Epsom (1m 44, good to soft). HISTAN beat Alcando 21 at Ayr (1m 21, good) prior to finishing 2918th of 11 to Beimaz in the in the King George VI at Accot (1m 41, good to firm). BIDDAN CUREN 8151 3cd of 9 to Whiteleave at DesayMale (1m 51 110)d, soft). RLE DE NISKY 85/14 4th of 11 to Brush Selections. SPRITSAIL.

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Cong handisap: It's The Pits 7-6.

BETTING: 7-2 Kainsdere, 4-1 Those, 8-1 Haliuspous, 8-1 Flown, You Know The Ruise, Berrish, 10-1 pet Sippers, Vintage, 12-1 Sugerner, 14-1 others.

1985: HALKOPUS 3-8-7 P Cock (9-4 fav) M Tompkins 6 ran

FORM FOCUS BARRISH was not at Salisbury (1m 2f, good to firm). MAHRAJAN beat Gisgraced when 7 8th Milpond Boy (rec 24b) 11/4 at Windsor (1m 3f); earned Further Fight at York (1m 6f, good). He had been control beat Amelianne by 11/4 at Salisbury (1m 4f, good). He had been control beat Amelianne by 11/4 at Salisbury (1m 4f, good). He had been control beat Amelianne by 11/4 at Salisbury (1m 4f, good). He had been control to beat with MATADOR (11b better of) 21/5 3rd (placed 2m) at Windsor (1m 3f). AGE OF MIRAGLES 23/6 3rd to HALKOPOUS length 2nd to Jehol at Ripon (1m 4f, good to firm). TRICA met trouble in running when 15/1 2nd to Margic Express at Ripon (1m 1f, good to firm). CARPET SUPPERS beet Aljerth by 3 5.15 GREBE APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£3,099: 1m 1f) (20 runners)

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N Day 14 5-2 Capability Brown, 4-1 Rousillon To Be, 9-2 Sword Excellbur, 11-2 Rainbow Strides, 7-1 others. 6 1431 HIGHLAND SPIRIT 12 (DJF) R Whiteler 9-2 2.30 SAXTY WAY GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O: 1 4-31 EURO GALAXY 8 (CD,G) R Whiteher 9-7... A Calhane 3 2 00 FRENCH HOUSE 22 J Wharlon 8-11 A Mackey 5 3 0-2 GREY AREA 9 Mrs N Meculey 8-11 D Bigge (5) 11 4 23 - SHOUT OUT 463 C Nelson 8-11 Paul Eddery 4 5 4 THENDERBALL SS (SF) H COCK 8-11 A MCGING 4 6 0304 CAMBRACK STYLE 26 W A Stephenson 8-5... J Lene 6 10 0651 BROWN FAIRY 7 (D,G) Mrs N Macauley 8-8 11 0034 SARSTA GRAI 68 R Earrichem 8-4 J Fo 7 2465 CLAUDIA MISS 8 W Heigh 8-8 ______ J Carroll 7 8 0300 FLUORESCENT FLO 119 D Moffatt 8-6 _____ P Burles 9 9 5006 GRACEWING 14 F Montaith 8-6 _____ S Webster 10 10 ROYAL GIRL Miss S Hall 8-6 ______ - 3 11 0 ZZZI JEAN MARKE 144 D Morley 8-8. Deen McKnown 1 2-1 Thunderbell, 9-4 Euro Galaxy, 5-1 Grey Area, 13-2 Caudia Miss, 7-1 Shout Out, 20-1 Zhd Jean Maria, 25-1 others. 1 2211 HEAVEN-LIEGH-GREY 19 (D,F,G) J Barry 9-4 3.0 HAMBLETON CUP (Handicap: £2,826: 1m 4f) 1 3600 THE MAQUE 8 (F,G) Miss L Skidal 6-9-10 5-4 Wolf Hall, 13-8 Heeven-Liegh-Grey, 5-2 Bit of A Lark, 33-1 Abie Jet. 200-1 Brantiell. 5.0 UNDERWOOD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: 9-2 Hydeonius, 11-2 The Mague, 6-1 Ice Magic, Bean Boy. Ragilme, Escape Talk, 9-1 Windward Arlom, 10-1 others. Course specialists TRAINERS: H Cecil, 12 winners from 34 runners, 35.3°a; M Stoute, 7 from 29, 24.1°a; J Wharton, 4 from 18, 22.2°a; B Hanbury, 4 from 22, 18.2°a, M H Easterby, 38 from 243, 15.6°a; R Wintaker, 21 from 140, 15.0°a. JOCKEYS: Paul Eddery, 5 winners from 31 ndes. 16 1%: Dean McKeown, 19 from 120, 15 8%: S Perks, 15 from 110, 13.6% A Snoutts, 3 from 23, 13.0%, A Cuthane, 12 from 95, 12.6%: N Day, 6 from 49, 12.2%. 10-11 Mujeszif, 13-2 Shimmening Scarlet, 7-1 Cut The Music, 8-1 Magic Secret, 10-1 Local Dealer, 14-1 others. STRATFORD 4.15 CITY OF COVENTRY TROPHY HANDICAP HASE (\$2.590: ZITI 01) (*)

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5.15 GARRICK JUBILEE CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,075: 2m) (6)

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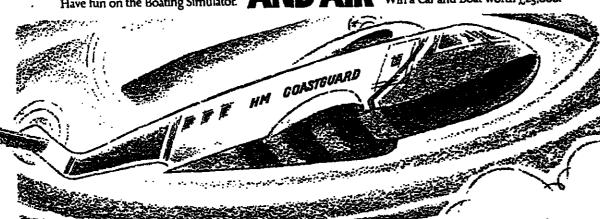
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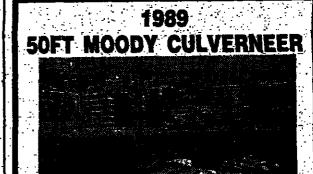


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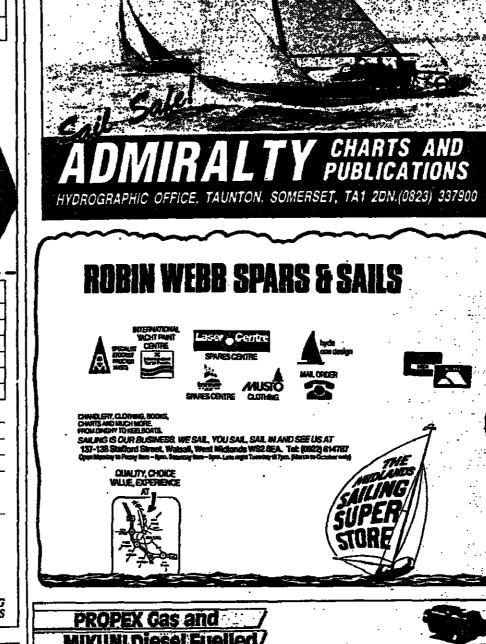
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Not a boat for the shy or retiring

Keith Wheatley takes a ride in a boat that is creating waves among the peaked-cap brigade

boat and its owner at a big marina usually need fairly specific instructions: Pontoon D, Berth 31 ... and so on. All that Adrian Thompson had said was: "See you at four

I need not have worried about the rendezvous. To say that the Powerflite stands out is sufficient. Would a Harley-Davidson look conspicuous on the vicarage lawn? Thirty feet of canary-yellow powerboat, with electric-blue sideflashes, were easy to spot amid the family cruisers. Being no wider than 6 ft at any point, she has the restrained lines of an Exocet

"You need to be the shy, retiring type to drive a boat like this." Mr Thompson said as he throttled back and waved to a tripper-boat. The line of dropped jaws on the passing Skylark's rail was all the testimony we needed as, out on Plymouth Sound, the boat moved up to 30 knots. It was smooth, enjoyable and I could have sworn we were doing half the speed.

Normally this velocity on any sort of semi-rigid chase boat is when the hull is out of the water skipping from wave to wave and the spines of crew members begin to liquefy from the constant slamming. It was true that as the Powerflite moved up to 50 knots and banked into an aircraft-style turn one felt a slight trembling, but it could have just been excitement.

"With a force six blowing in the Solent you can go anywhere flat-out. It is a smooth ride in any sort of slop," Mr Thompson explained from the driver's seat. Behind him up to two "pillion" passengers are able to ride on nicely contoured seats uphoistered in a soft grev fabric. "It looks totally wild, but it is a fairly safe bit of kit." said the proud owner, who is also the builder and designer.

Mr Thompson is an eclectic figure. Brought up to be a farmer, he eventually left the land and emerged as Britain's leading builder of high-tech racing yachts and one of the country's most innovative boat designers. His company. Paragon Composites. was the natural choice to build Rothmans for the Whitbread round-the-world race.

"I suppose you could say that this boat is a way of getting the maxi out of my system. No

uccessful meetings with a deadlines, no client and no budget." he said. Several years ago he designed a similar craft for the Isle of Man yachtsman and record-breaker, Nick Keag, "Nick uses his for nipping across the Irish Sea to Dublin and up to Scotland. He goes out in appalling weather, but I'm not that brave." Boats of normal beam have to plane to overcome the physical law that relates speed to waterline length. However, a long, thin hull, a "flying toothpick", will cheat the

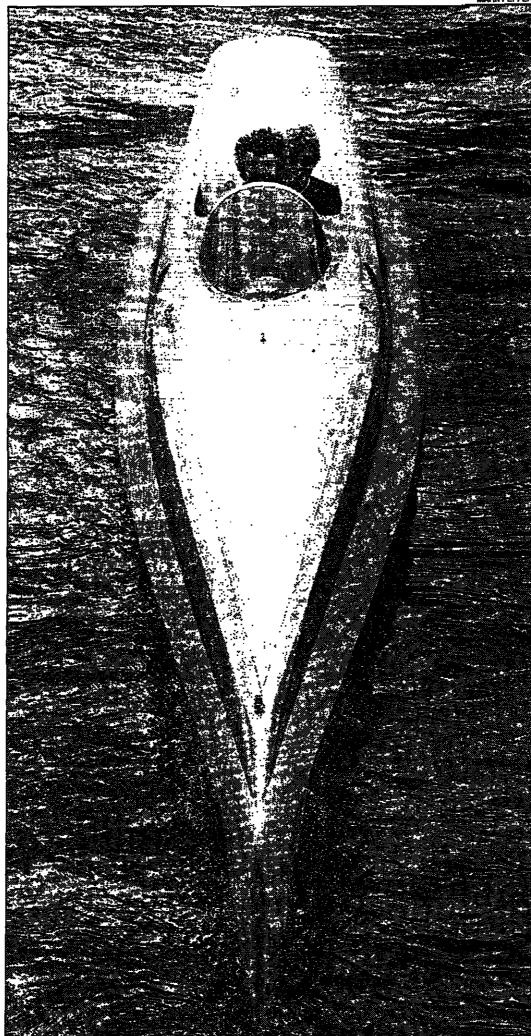
> Stability is usually the problem. Powerflite looks about as stable as the average canoe, but long water-line bouyancy tanks give her formidable resistance to heel. Three adults can sit on the cockpit edge and not tip the boat significantly. The enormously long, needle-like bow makes her a little tricky to manoeuvre in the average marina, but should things get really tricky there is a small concealed anchor that can be released from the cockpit.

Power comes from a 7.4 litre V8 Mercruiser Magnum that pro-duces about 350 brake horsepower. Completely fuelled up, the boat weighs 1.2 tons and has a cruising range of 280 miles. An early prototype version was propellor-driven. However, the enormous torque from such a powerful engine produced some interesting effects on the long, thin hull and a water-jet emerged as the preferred solution. The current installation is a BP90.

The volume of water moved each minute would fill the average suburban swimming pool fairly quickly, but the unit is quiet and extremely effective. What any potential owner wants to know is:

how comfortable will it be to use? Mr Thompson said that all pleasure craft are essentially toys and few owners willingly go out in bad weather. "You do get a bit wet occasionally and you would want to be togged up for a long trip," he said. However, he laments the British boat-owners' caution.

"We do not seem to have the adventurous spirit for boats in Britain that they do in France and the United States. What this is really for is a bloke and two birds to put a few beers on board and go over to St Malo for dinner." • Powerflite is selling for about C45,000. Adrian Thompson, Para-Composues, Totaes (0803



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Changing fortunes of the Red Ensign

playground resort and at least one megayacht will be sport-ing the Red Ensign. The flag heralds a trend towards the use of flags of convenience and the Red Duster in particular, to sidestep value-added tax, death duties and taxes on charter profits.

The move by the Royal Navy to protect British registered shipping in the Gulf during the Iran/Iraq war did much to enhance the value of the British flag over other well known but unarmed registries such as Liberia. Haiti and Panama. This has led to a number of private yachts carrying the name Jersey. Guernsey or Douglas on their

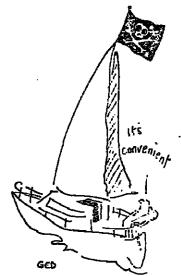
"The British flag has distinct advantages." says Richard Bach. whose Guernsey-based company. Safehaven International, specialises in managing ownership of vessels registered in the taxless waters of the Channel Islands.

"Registration here provides conclusive evidence of ownership as well as security for marine mortgages. The Red Ensign is also accepted readily in foreign waters." According to Mr Bach, the benefits of operating a boat via a

company registered in a tax-free port, cut much deeper. "The assets of a corporation are not assessed for death duties, and if controlled by a trust, the property can be passed on to beneficiaries without problems." he says.
Who is eligible and what does it

cost? For vessels below 24 metres. eligibility is extended to British and Irish citizens, British companies. any company incorporated in a Crown Dependency such as the Isle of Man. Guernsey or Jersey and corporations registered in dependent territories.

Vessels over 24 metres can be registered to the same class of individuals and companies provid-



ing they have an appointed repre-sentative within the jurisdiction upon whom any papers may be served. A displacement restriction of 150 tons is expected to be introduced next year. The costs for setting up a company amount to £3,000 for yachts under 45tt and £3,000 for vessels over that size. with a further £500 added if the yacht is used for charter or trading purposes. Annual administrative costs average £1,000.

On the other side of the corn. flags of convenience carry restric-tions. These include the hability to carry only British approved radies and current charts. There will also be local regulations to follow.

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BARRY PICKTHALL

BRIEFING

"Many people are put off the learning stage because the prospect of repeated dunkings is simply not appealing," says Gordon Way, of Ultra Sport, of windsurfing. However, a computer simulator imported to the UK by Mr Way's company could revolutionise the teaching of boardsailing, Keith Wheatley writes.

The "force 4" is controlled by a central microprocessor that reacts to the sailor's every move. Even subtle changes in mast position make the simulator perform as if on the water. Dave Hackford, the UK national champion, says it is "as near to the real thing as you can ect".

 Sadler International has become the first big UK boatbuilder to give a five-year guarantee that its hulls will not

blister or suffer from osmosis. Since "boat pox" shattered the illusion of maintenance-free boating a decade ago. manufacturers have been vying to climinate the problem from their craft. Sadler puts its confidence down to a humidity-controlled moulding shop, the use of isopthalic resins, and the practice of applying a clear gel-coat below the waterline.

 Anchors might not be the sexiest piece of chandlery but, for obvious reasons, people take them seriously. A new anchor from Simpson-Lawrence, who produced the now standard CQR. is almost an international event. The Delta plough anchor has exceeded all theoretical predictions during helding power tests and the RNLI is committed to buying it. Expect to see it at the Southampton Boat

A new, fun little lifesaver

The concept of having a life-raft as a last-ditch insurance you hope never to use has been turned on its head with the adaption of a standard range of inflatable dinghies to lifeboats.

Now, it is possible to have a dinghy to carry the family ashore or take the children sailing while in port then, with the addition of a sea anchor and inflatable hood. roll the whole thing up and stow it on deck to act as a life-raft when

passage making.
"It's like packing your own parachute," says Brian Pilcher, the spokesman for Henshaw Inflatables, which makes the distinctive

Four-man Tinker Tramp under

(below right)
Length: 9ft (2.75m)
Beam: 4ft 6in (1.37m)
Sall area: 37 sq ft (3.44 sq m)
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conversion: £571 incl. VAT.

Sail area: 65 sq ft (6.04 sq m) Price: £1,432 incl. VAT. Life-raft

Six-man Tinker Traveller

Length: 12ft (3.56m) Beam: 4ft 9in (1.49m)

sail (above), and as a life-raft

TINKER TRAMP

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to the conventional life-raft is gaining approval world-wide

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conventional life-rafts that come packed away in a valise."

The concept and the philosophy that the owner or skipper can be responsible for the condition and maintenance of his yacht's survival craft was born after the Fastnet Race disaster 11 years ago, when 15 crew lost their lives, many of them after they had abandoned ship for what they thought was the greater safety of a

Now the Tinker range of inflatables is accepted as an alter-native to conventional life-rafts by the Royal Ocean Racing Club for Category 3 offshore races, The Junior Offshore Group and the New Zealand Yachting Federation for cruisers. The inflatables are also accepted for most of the transatlantic races.

The survival pack that converts the 9ft and 12ft Tinker Tramp and Traveller dinghies into fully fledged life-rafts comprises three items: a self-supporting inflatable canopy that provides four inches of air insulation around the crew, a sea anchor, and two C02 canisters which remain fixed to the transom even when the boats are used as tenders.

It takes just a few minutes to attach the canopy around the cockpit and connect the air supply for rapid inflation before folding the boat up and lashing it in position on deck.

When conditions are suitable, the canopy can be deflated and the sailing rig raised to allow the crew to sail towards the emergency

Wind tunnel and wave tank tests, carried out by the National Maritime Institute in winds up to 75 knots, showed that if a capsize occurs, the inflatable survival canopy, which has more than 700lb of buoyancy, allows the Tinker to be rolled back upright by the crew while still stationed inside the raft.

Used as a tender, these dinghies are simple to inflate, easy to row, are directionally stable and will plane, admittedly with only one up, with just a 5hp outboard boiled on the back.

They also offer a sparkling performance under sail. We tested the 12ft Tinker Traveller during a recent trip to the Channel Islands and it provided the children (and adults) with endless hours of fun in a dinghy that was safe.

The 9ft, four-man Tinker Tramp with life-raft equipment costs £300 more than a conventional life-raft. See them at the Southampton Boat Show on Stand J65.

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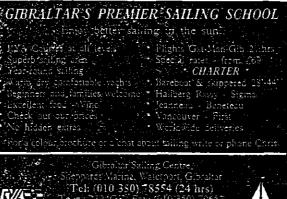
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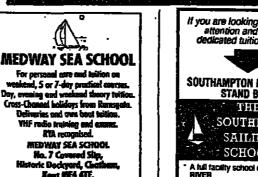
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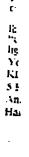
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Executive Editor David Brewerton

BUSINESS

LIT back in black but omits dividend

By OUR CITY STAFF

LIT Holdings, the stricken financial services group, returned to a pre-tax profit of £800,000 in first half of this year under the control of Christopher Castleman, the former head of Hill Samuel, after crashing to a loss of £7.9 million in last six months of

below last year's interim profit of £6.1 million and the company cannot pay dividends on either its ordinary or preference shares due to the continuing deficit on its distributable reserve.

Last year there was an interim dividend of 3.75p. In the half year, the company has run a sale of most of its assets, apart from its two main operating subsidiaries, Johnson Fry, the Business Expansion Scheme sponsor, and Litam, the American

futures clearing house.

Debts have fallen from £51 million to £28 million. The company has also made £1 million by switching between dollar and sterling borrowings. Mr Castleman said: "This

group is in miles better shape than it was six months ago. but we have a great deal of work to be done.

The fall in profits was worst at Litam. This was hit by a £5.8 million bad debt after the stock market crash last October, which, in turn, started a cash crisis, only settled by a \$5 million injection from the

Profits in the half slumped 92 per cent to just £400,000 as the company struggled to re-

Futures volumes have been lower in Chicago this year and dealers have been settling through the larger houses like Merrill Lynch after the collapse of Drexel Burnham

Mr Castleman said: "The fact Litam made a profit at all does them credit."

Mr Castleman said LIT would retain both its main dividend on the ordinary companies despite the debt problem. He said: "If LIT is to recover, it has to be on the back of Litam and Fry being retained and realising their

He denied that the company was planning any immediate reconstruction but said that carries. This is expected to nominal value of £6.2 million. one was needed before the cost Saatchi £211 million. The Saatchi board apparcompany could start paying when holders exercise that ently considered making an the preference dividend.

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major changes Page 36 INTEREST RATES

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TOURIST RATES



Sterling calm as imminent ERM entry denied

By Graham Searjeant, Financial editor

JOHN Major's denial that sterling would enter the exchange-rate mechanism of the European Monetary System during the European Community finance ministers' meeting this weekend left the currency calm but analysts confused over when the pound will be fixed against continental currencies.

The pound had fallen sharply overnight, mainly due to a £250 million selling order from Japan. This cut the sterling index from Thursday's close of 94.8 to an opening 94.4, but it retained that lower level at the end of the day. Sterling ended 0.6 pfennigs lower against the mark at DM2.9625.

On the BBC radio Today programme yesterday, the chancellor made it clear that he did not foresee any early cut in interest rates. Although monetary indicators had turned sharply down, he said it was not yet clear from

Saatchi axes

preference

SAATCHI & Saatchi, the advertising agency, is not paying are paid, have been wiped out.

dividends on either its pref-erence or ordinary shares. At its last year end, Saarchi had £60 million reserves, but

Ordinary shareholders were losses on the sales of its

exceed that.

The biggest loss came at Peterson, the Chicago legal consultancy, sold for an initial

\$2 million in June, \$114

bought for three years earlier.

sultancy, was sold in June for

\$80 million, six years after it was acquired for \$130 million.

Gartner, a transaction which

Saatchi is also taking a loss on the \$70 million sale of

Saatchi could have used its

special reserves to pay its

dividends. These reserves

stood at £565.8 million in the

However, after a capital

restructuring, access to the special reserves was made

the holders of a 6 per cent

offer to repurchase the loan

stock to obtain this consent.

But the £5 million the holders

was worth in the market, was

deemed to high.

last balance sheet.

resigned to not receiving a management consultancies far

The news that there would million less than it had been

dividend on the 6.3 per cent is expected to be completed

erence share issue. Payment is conditional on the approval of

Of far greater importance is convertible loan stock issue.

the put option that the issue repayable in 2015 and with a

tate the disposal of one of wanted for their stock, com-

Saatchi's core advertising pared with the £1.9 million it

this month.

erence or ordinary shares.

final dividend, after Saatchi

passed the interim payout in

June and after warnings by

Robert Louis-Dreyfus, the

be no payout on the preference

shares was unexpected, how-

ever, and helped to knock a

further 12p off the share price.

The shares closed at 50.5p.

valuing the company at £81

The first casualty is the

convertible preference issue,

due on October 6. which

would have cost £4.2 million.

The next will be the final

But the company may still

pay the coupon on its 6.75 per

centEuroconvertible pref-

Funding that option, an-

Saatchi's distributable re-

Business

park sale

boost for

Speyhawk

By OUR CITY STAFF

SPEYHAWK, the property

company which saw its shares

plummet last week after a

Swedish development group

withdrew from takeover talks,

yesterday sold a large part of

one of its largest devel-

Speyhawk's shares rose 9p

to lisp on the news that the

company had sold the entire

first phase of Thames Valley

Park, Reading, to British Gas.

Analysts believed the price

could have been around £60

Trevor Osborne, Speyhawk

chairman, said: "This sale will

mean we have made sales this

year approaching £200 mil-

ion. That seems to me a not-

inconsiderable amount in a

market where there aren't

supposed to be any buyers."

The first phase consists of

three buildings totalling

182,000 sq ft with perking space for 900 cars on a site of

around 13 acres. Mr Osborne

described them as the best

business park buildings in the

When complete the whole development will total 1.5 million sq ft of office space set

Speyhawk's shares droppe

164p in two days last week,

Mayflower in

The Mayflower Corporation

said it had exchanged con-

tracts for the sale of the

business assets of Tri-ang

Leisure to Solarprior, a

subsidiary of Clairbois, for

£2.35 million in cash, subject

Additionally, Solarprior has

been granted an option to buy

Tri-ang's factory at

Droylsden, Manchester, for a

further £2 million, its current

net book value. The option is

until March 31 next year.

to final stock valuation.

Tri-ang deal

in 200 acres.

to 350p.

million.

alysts believe, could necessi-

shares, due in December.

not due until next July.

option in 1993.

chief executive.

million.

was under control. This reinforced the Bank of England's move on Thursday to stop money market interest rates rates falling much below 15 per cent. Most currency analysts agreed that this should sustain the pound, despite the disappointment over early ERM entry.

Mr Major reinerated that the final condition set by the government for entry would not have been met until Britain's rate of inflation had started to converge with rates on the

Inflation, as measured by the retail price index, is expected to rise through 10 per cent when the August figures are released next Friday. City forecasters expect about 10.3 per cent. This would be equivalent to about 8.8 per cent on the measures used in most ERM countries, where the average inflation rate is is than 4 per cent, but rising.

Since the most recent petrol price rises will not enter the August figures, RPI inflation is expected to rise again in September. Nigel

Rendell, of James Capel, the broker, forecast that petrol would add 0.4 per cent to prices in September and underlying inflation a further 0.5 per cent Annual RPI growth would, therefore, rise to 10.5 per cent.

This could prove to be the reak, but the headline rate of inflation might not move decisively down before November, when last autumn's rise in mortgage rates will fall out of the reckoning.

The November figures will be issued at about the time the intergovernmental conference on the next stages of European monetary union opens in Rome on December 13, which would be a politically auspicious time for Mr Major to underline Britain's European commitment by putting sterling into the ERM.

The authorities have made it clear, however, that sterling's entry will also depend on the convenience of other member countries. This may require a delay until oil prices stop

the ERM has been under pressure recently. from the strength of the pesets. The mark has traded near the borrow of its range, but German interest rates are likely to rise.

There is a near consensus among analysts that sterling would enter the ERM at about DM2.95 if entry came soon and that sterling might move around this level in the short term. There is no such consensus over timing. Ifiy Islam, currency analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, suggests that mid to late October is now the most likely date of entry and that British interest rates might not be cut until

Birt Ian Harnett, of Strauss Turnbull, the securities house, said entry would have to be delayed until next year if the inflation condition was to be met. But base rates would need to come down before the year end to avoid recession, putting sterling under pres-

jobless rate rises to 5.6%

By OUR ECONOMICS STAFF

THE unemployment rate in America rost to 5.6 per cent in August, up from 5.5 per cent in July.

At the same time, the number of jobs created fell-further, underlining signs of

The labour department report from the American gov-eroment is the first official data on economic activity for

it is expected to be followed in the coming weeks and months by additional signs of economic weakness in re-sponse to the surge in crude oil their highest level in seven

John outside the agricultural sector, which are key indicators of the economy's underlying strength, fell by 75,000 last mouth after falling a revised 89,000 in July, the department report said.

Payrolls rose by 45,000,

Economists had expected non-farm payrolls to fall by 33,000 jobs, after the revised 89,000 drop in.July.

Analysis had expected a 5.5 per cent jobless rate for last

The 5.6 per cent unemployment rate in August was the highest since the same figure in August 1988. In March of that year, the rate was 5.7 per

The latest employment report, which economists believe does not yet reflect the impact of the Gulf confrontation, puts added pressure on the Federal Reserve to nudge interest rates lower to pump new life into the economy. There are indications, however, that the Fed is reluctant to take any action until the situation in the Middle East

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Economists have fested that the rise in oil prices after Irag's invasion of Kuwait last month could till the economy. into a recession, if it is not in one already.

The National Association of Manufacturing said that the been reflected in a surge in the price of petrol and other oil products, will set off, at worst, a mild recession that is expected to last about eight

and ordinary share payout

Tough market hits Goodman Brammer results

By MICHAEL TATE, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

Jon Foulds, the outgoing chairman, described British demand as "at best, hesitant". Overseas markets have, however, been stronger.

A 38 per cent tax charge, pointed chairman of the Halidue to increased profits in fax Building Society. His some high-tax countries, and unrelieved losses in others, has led to a more pronounced dip in earnings per share, from Jones.

PRE-TAX profits at 10.2p to 9.5p. The interim Brammer, the industrial ser-vice group, slipped from £6.73 dividend stays at 4.5p a share. Mr Foulds said BSL, the million to £6.5 million in the group's main subsidiary, had first half, reflecting the tough gained market share, imconditions in British industry. proved turnover, and held Turnover inched up from margins and profits, but there £60.3 million to £63.4 million. had been a setback in the rental business. The precision engineering and master pumps divisions increased

Mr Foulds has been apsuccessor at Brammer is Hugh Lang. Brammer's chief executive is Robert Ffoulkes-



examiner calls banks

By OUR CITY STAFF

AN IRISH court-appointed examiner investigating the affairs of the heavily indebted Goodman International, Europe's largest meat exporter, has called in the group's 33 bankers for a meeting in Dublin next week.

The privately owned group of Larry Goodman, hard hit by Gulf tensions, owes Ir£460 million (£400 million) to banks around the world. Iraq in turn owes Ir£180

million to Goodman International, a major beef processor and exporter, which accounts for 5 per cent of Ireland's gross national product. The banks had requested a meeting with Peter Fitz-patrick, the examiner, and he agreed to meet them at the headquarters of Allied Irish Bank in Dublin next Wed-

"This is the first meeting of the whole group with the examiner since he was ap-pointed," said a spokesman for the examiner. The banks are expected to ask for security to back loans and for better terms on the debt, if they are to continue supporting the group once the examiner's report is filed on October 10. ceive, as some customers, who

tomers, who lost money when the group went into receiver-

ship last month, are unlikely to recover the full amount of their advance payments under the insurance policy for customer deposits. The policy, which was taken

out in January by Norman Ireland, the Lowndes chairman, is worth £15 million and the company estimates that advance payments taken before the group went into receivership will total £16 million. The payment for process

the thousands of claims could exceed £1 million, reducing the amount of money available for payout. Jonathan Phillips, of Price Waterhouse, who is administering the policy, said he would be disappointed if Lowndes customers did not

get back at least 75p in the pound from the policy. So far the largest claims run He said it was impossible to say exactly how much customers would eventually re-

Lowndes.

any money. Price Waterhouse expects to

Lowndes clients unlikely to receive full payment

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

LOWNDES Queensway cus- had lodged a claim and paid a their claim. denosit of under 30 per cent, may still receive the goods they ordered. Some customers who paid

by credit card may obtain repayment by the credit card company under the Consumer Credit Act and this would also reduce the number of claims on the insurance policy. -So far the number of claims

lodged totals 17,500 but Price Waterhouse believe the final number could reads 40,000, Under the terms of the retailer.

policy, payment can be made

customers in October, when Lowndes receivers will have to several thousand pounds, made all the outstanding deliveries. Customers are advised to

keep all documentation of

Mr. Phillips says that action will be taken against anyone found submitting a fraudulent -claim. He warned against schemes

devised by other furniture retailers, such as ELS, wherebeing supplied with goods similar to those they ordered from Lowndes on payment of the balance Customers then assign their.

claim under the policy for the deposit to the other

Mr Phillips said such claims 67 days after the liquidation of may not be effective and customers could have their Lowndes has yet to go into contract with Lowndes caliquidation and customers forced by the receivers, which may have to wait until after means they could end up Christmas before receiving owning two sets of goods and could pay twice.

Customers who believe they send out claim forms to have a claim and have not yet written to Price Waterhouse should do so, giving their full name, address and amount of deposit paid to: Lowndes Queensway Customer Depos-its Ltd, PO Box 4, London

Gold card customers exceed overdraft limits as hard times bite

after the announcement that Nordstjernan had decided not Well-heeled bad debtors embarrass Adam bank to press ahead with a long-expected bid at between 330p

By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent THE cold wind of the economic downturn has

reached even the most blue-blooded of banks. While a bank such as Midland struggles under the weight of bad debts running at £1.3 million a day, Adam & Company, the Edinburghbased private bank, has discovered it has problem customers of its own - gold card

The bank has been forced to make the first specific provisions of £64,000 in its six-year history against a small group of gold card holders who have used the card's automatic £10,000 overdraft and more, and have declared they cannot repay it. James Laurenson, Adam's managing direc-

tor, admits these well-heeled bad debtors

caught the bank off gnard. "We gave cards to

anyone who met our criteria as a customer.

But these gentlemen, or men at any rate, ran up to their £10,000 limit very quickly and owed us £15,000 or £20,000 before we could stop them." Adam demands that its 3,000 customers

have a minimum salary of £50,000 and assets of £250,000. But in these harder times, Mr Laurenson said customers' salaries and even assets had disappeared at an alarming rate, The bank's only consolation is that none of the bad debtors is Scottish, all are from the Southeast, some from Hampstead - not so much Third World as NW3rd World debt. "We are in touch with all of these people

and hope to recover the money when their circumstances improve," said Mr Laurenson. Adam's bad debts may seem trivial in comparison to the billion pound write-offs of Third World debt that Adam's larger competitors have been forced to make, but this and

pre-tax profits in the year to end-June rose 3 per cent to £882,000. The dividend on its ordinary shares, which are privately held, is

rising 12.5 per cent to 2.25p.

Adam also echoed Midland's troubles by suffering from a mismatched treasury book last year. The company was caught by surprise in last autumn's interest rate increases, which cost it more than £100,000. Adam, named after Adam Smith, was

founded in 1983, the first new Scottish bank for more than 140 years, to cater for Scotland's wealthy inhabitants. The bank now has a small branch in Pall Mall, London. The problems with the gold cards and

treasury hid advances in many other parts of Customer deposits increased from £39.4 to

other troubles prevented the bank from £61 million, while the ministure corporate producing its million pound profit Instead, bank also saw deposits rise by half to £15 bank also saw deposits rise by helf to £15 million. Adam established a Guernsey subsidlary and bought a new computer for its

Charlotte Square headquarters.

At least Adam does not have share price problems to add to its gold card embarrassment. The benefit of private quotation means the price has been rising since it opened. Today the price is 155p, 55 per cent up in six years, on a price/earnings ratio of 29, almost four times higher than its quoted rivals.

The shares are traded on a matched-bargant

basis, with many of Adam's customers eager to become co-owners, although not on a gold ind overdraft.
The Knwait Investment Office has taken card overdeaft. . .

advantage of the price and sold before the Gulf-invasion. It has kept us 10.5 per cent stake in

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THE TIMES SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8 1990 Tate & Lyle plans new bid for British Sugar

TATE & Lyle, the sugar group, performed an about-turn yesterday, declaring the company was again proposing to bid for its rival, British Sugar, just two months after withdrawing a planned offer.

The announcement coincided with Berisford International, British Sugar's parent, posting information memoranda to parties interested in buying its prime

It is believed between 20 and 30 copies of the memorandum - 27 pages plus eight exhibits - have been dispatched by Schroders, adviser on the sale, to British, Italian, Swiss, French and American

By the end of the lengthy negotiation period, which will include regulatory approval from European Community and British authorities, Berisford hopes about six companies will be left as serious bidders prepared to pay £1 billion for British Sugar. Berisford put all its assets

up for sale in July after a disastrous foray into the New York commercial property market forced write-offs of £200 million over a 12-month

The company is expected to announce a refinancing in a few weeks involving the provision of up to £100 million of new working capital facilities. This indicates that the syndicate of 60 banks led by NatWest is relaxed about the auction procedure.

Three days before Berisford announced the auction, Tate



Shaw: bid in public interest & Lyle ruled out a bid for the Tate & Lyle, said yesterday group because of the troubled property portfolio. It also cited problems arising from sugar marketing agreements between the two groups, implying Tate & Lyle would not be able to go before the Monopolies and Mergers Commission with clean hands.

In March, Berisford's former management invited Tate & Lyle to make an offer for the shortened time scale, given group. Tate & Lyle, whose the work already undertaken first bid was blocked by the on the previous referral," Mr regulators in 1987, then approached the Office of Fair Trading. The OFT referred the prospective offer to the MMC. Two weeks after Tate withdrew from the bidding.

buyer in the public arena is Garry Weston's Associated British Foods which is awaitexpected within seven days.

Weston: waiting on OFT that acquiring British Sugar had "always been the goal of our discussions with

"Tate & Lyle welcomes the opportunity to purchase British Sugar without also acquiring the non-sugar assets...and hope an MMC inquiry can be started quickly and completed within a fore-

Mr Shaw said a merger of British Sugar and Tate & Lyle would be in the public interest because it would secure the future of the British cane sugar the MMC laid aside the refining industry and create a rival to the big companies The only other prospective being formed out of the reconfiguration of the continental industry.

David Lang, an analyst at ing OFT approval. This is Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, said Tate was keen to Neil Shaw, chairman of declare its hand ahead of the

due to be introduced on September 21 against the backdrop of a rapidly changing sugar regime.

They need to be in there pitching about synergy between the two groups but sometimes it does look like Tate are making it up as they go along," Mr Lang said. Shares in Tate & Lyle ended

6p lower at 247p after the market questioned whether the company actually had the money to make an offer. Associated British Foods was down 14p at 404p while Berisford was unchanged at

Paul Lewis, Tate's finance director, said the company had made a presentation to the OFT on sugar marketing practices and had put compliance procedures in place to prevent abuse.

Berisford's management. led by John Sclater, the chairman, did not consider that there had been any manipulation of the market by the two companies. Tate's latest proposal does

will not do so until the deal has been perused by the regulators. One of the recipients of Berisford's memoranda said it did not expect a deal to be

not mention a price. Like the other prospective bidders, it

months In the meantime, Berisford is expected to announce further asset sales to reduce its debt from about £1 billion to

clinched for at least five

Wakeham's power roadshow must ignore the faint-hearted

o far, President Saddam Hussein has only threatened the privatisation of the regional electricity companies. Only the outbreak of a shooting war in the Middle East is likely to stop the sale.

There are still four days to go before the opening of the marketing campaign on Wednesday and, even after the fanfares have sounded they can be silenced. But when the show is on the road, John Wakeham, whose brief as secretary for energy is to privatise electricity almost at any cost, will be extremely reluctant to take it off. I understand he believes war will be avoided. If he is right, he and his advisers are left with the familiar problems of assessing the market and setting the price.

The market is not bristling with confidence and, until the Middle East tensions are resolved, the mood of apprehension and caution is unlikely to change, except for the worse. The "pathfinder" prospectus, which will contain profit forecasts for the 12 companies, will be published on November 2 and the offer price of the shares revealed on November 21. Dealing should begin on December 11.

During the critical three weeks of the offer, the underwriters will be at risk. There is some talk of institutional reluctance to underwrite the offer while there is the possibility of war. That would be a foolish thing for them to do. There is a similar faint-hearted ring about suggestions that the government would be prudent not to try to sell 100 per cent of the companies in the present cautious climate but restrict the sale to 51 per cent. Mr Wakeham should shut his ears to such defeatist talk. It would not be clever to leave the new market in electricity distribution shares with a 49 per cent overhang of stock to be

viewing Lord Hanson and

Sir James Goldsmith is an

experience which you too

can have for the price of Take It from

the Top videos. You might also succeed

in business if you apply the precepts of

the masters, but not without really

trying. There is no magic formula and

the fundamental problem comes at the

beginning. In Lord Hanson's words:

A lot of people think about it but don't

He must be right. The first quartet

revealing all also includes Mark Mc-

Cormack and Sir John Harvey-Jones.

There are not many like them, certainly

in Britain, and although the next four

should not be difficult. I wonder where

David Frost and Martin Sorrell, his

partner in Results Training Limited,

will find their like for the third batch.

Their already well-known "secrets of

success" in this format have a freshness

want to do it."

"First of all, you have to want to do it.



peddled at some future date. In any event, the 12 regional companies hardly add up to an indigestible lump.

The government would like £6 billion from the sale but would say it was satisfied with £5 billion. The Opposition parties will shrick that the government is giving them away at such a price, though not as loudly as they would if the price were based on the value of £3.8 billion put on the 12 by one City electricity analyst. Probably between 15 and 20 per cent of the stock will be sold overseas and 40 per cent. with another 10 per cent clawed back for them from the institutions if the demand is high enough, will be reserved for private investors. As only 40 per cent of the sale price will be payable at the time of the offer, the immediate call for cash is not huge.

The offer will be modelled on last year's successful sale of the ten water companies. Institutional shareholders will have to buy a package of stock in all 12 companies but private investors can choose the shares they want. They will have the extra inducement of 10 per cent off electricity bills, or a one-for-ten free share after three years, to buy

shares in their own regional company. The critical number obviously is the price, which will be set to give a yield around the 8 per cent mark. The level of dividend will depend on the level of profits and this is an area where battle between Mr Wakeham and the heads of the 12 companies is joined but not yet

Master classes from men at the top

most instructive secret Lord Hanson

and Sir James share is their aversion to

and avoidance of high technology. Lord

Hanson sees it as today's fashion which

becomes tomorrow's junk, and prefers

adding value to bricks and cigarettes.

Sir James confesses to being "no good

in hi-tech things" and also prefers

relatively simple businesses, such as

food and supermarkets. Turning a

plastic tomb-type supermarket into an

exciting place is, none the less, "im-

They are equally forthright on risk.

The first principle in Sir Gordon White's book on How to Buy a Business

is "Avoid the Downside Risk". Lord

Hanson admits that they have made

"mistakes of omission" by not wanting

to pay too much, but clearly they have

been right more often than they have

Sir James regards risk as "disagree-

able. You have to take risks; nothing is a few laughs.

mensely difficult to do".

been wrong.

atching David Frost inter- which makes them compelling. The

tions to be pitched lower rather than higher. It makes their tasks as managers easier and at the same time magnifies their achievements.

But the minister is not a former whip for nothing. His powers of persuasion are considerable, as he has shown in negotiations over the debts the companies build into their accounts and the so-called "X" factors limiting their freedom to raise electricity prices. He is used to having his way and he can, if he thinks fear might help, invoke the name of Hanson. If Lord Hanson's interest in buying PowerGen did nothing else for the cause, it concentrated the minds of men who suddenly found that their company had more sinew, more strength, more prospects and more value than they hitherto had thought.

The companies are not all the same size, their industrial profiles vary, their managements are not uniformly good and for these and other reasons their prospects vary. But for 90 per cent of their profits, they can rely on their local monopolies in distributing electricity. It may be heavily regulated but it is also low risk, a quality I suspect two or three million investors might value, come

Floating the two generating companies, National Power and PowerGen, in February presents problems of a different kind, which a trade sale of PowerGen to Hanson or any other company would have avoided. The fear has always been that selling them off separately and in sequence might favour one and leave the other heavily undersubscribed. The suggestion now is that shares in the two companies should be offered as one package which could be split shortly after the sale was completed. It is a workable compromise but it looks unnecessarily defensive.

for nothing and there are no short cuts

if you want to succeed". But once at

Both men believe vehemently in

change. Sir James advocates leaving

school at 16, mixing theory and practice

and constantly testing your ideas in the

market place. Lord Hanson insists:

You need change. The board needs to

be responsive to change. And if it's not

seeing change from its existing executives, it should ask for it and insist

At Hanson, it is the bottom line and

the capital value of the business that

matter. The board is responsible for the

shareholders' money. Sir James sees a

conflict between shareholders and

managers. Managers want to create an

empire and acquire the trappines of an

emperor. The answer is to align their

interests by giving shares to the

It all makes good sense, and there are

risk, he wants to get out.

Butler Cox shares slide on results

SHARES in Butler Cox, the information technology business that came to the market 15 months ago, more than halved in value at one point yesterday, following disap-pointing first-half results and a warning about second-half

They crashed from 178p 3p above their June 1989 placing price — to 75p at one stage, after the company revealed a fall in pre-tax profits from £634,000 to £400,000 for the first half of 1990. The shares closed at 102p. The interim dividend is held at

The company said that the downturn in the economy will inevitably have an im-

Mallett profits increase 35.9%

THE downturn in consumer spending has not affected the passion of well-heeled tourists for fine antiques, according to Mallett, one of Britain's long-est established antique dealers, but the confrontation in

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the Gulf might.
In the six months to endJune, Mallett made pre-tax
profits of £2.67 million, up 35.9 per cent. Sales rose 38.3 per cent to £8.36 million and earnings per share rose to 12.6p. The interim dividend is 2p, up from 1.6p.

An exceptionally strong performance in the second six months of last year continued into the first six months of the current trading period, the company said, but added: "Economic uncertainty and fluctuating exchange rates, compounded by the Middle East situation, may affect our markets." The shares fell 1p to

Northern buy

Northern Foods, which manufactures ready-made meals for supermarket groups, has bought Palethorpes, a manufacturer of hot and cold pies pizzas and sausages, from J Sainsbury for £14 million. Northern Foods will pay £12 million in cash up front and £2 million in September next year. Palethorpes' products sell under Sainsbury's own label and it also supplies other food retailers. Its factory in Shropshire employs 550 staff. Northern Food shares rose 9p

Magnolia down

Magnolia Group, the prints and picture frame manufacturers, saw pre-tax profits fall in the six months to end-June from £715,000 to £501,000. Sales rose from £10.9 million to £11.6 million and earnings per share fell from 7,97p to 5.56p. The interim dividend remained at 1.75p. The shares were unchanged at 95p.

Bancrofts deal

McLeod Russel Holdings, the surface coatings, textiles and property group, has paid £8.8 million for Bancrofts, the motor vehicle paint and finish company based in Birmingham. The deal was financed out of existing cash resources. McLeod Russel said Bancrofts' book value at July 11 was £3.14 million and in 1989 the company made a pre-tax profit of £1,26 million.



Partially protected: Richard Allan expects the remainder of 1990 to be challenging

REDUCTIONS in new car and truck sales have led to a 42 per cent decline in first-half profits at Perry Group, the motor distributor (Our City Staff writes). Taxable profits for the six

months to end-June were £2.2 million against £3.78 million for the same period last year. Sales were down 4 per cent at £172 million.

Earnings per share tumbled unchanged from last year.

Perry hit by drop in new car sales

the downturn in sales by the wide geographical and manu-39 per cent to 7.9p. The facturer spread of its 27 interim dividend, at 2.75p, is franchises.

The five Rover dealerships, Richard Allan, the chair- for example, performed well, likely to remain "challengman, said the company had "thus counteracting some of ing", given the reduction in

other dealerships". The company's other operations held up well, he said, particularly accident repairs.

Financial controls had been

tightened in response to the downturn in demand, resulting in a reduction in half-way gearing to 32.2 per cent from 47.9 per cent in June last year. This was achieved without the need to cut back on the company's capital expenditure programme, Mr Allan

The remainder of 1990 was been partially protected from the difficulties experienced by the August new car market. Perseverance and the offer for changed at 15p.

Laird's rise lower than expected

last year.

By JONATHAN PRYNN

manufacturer, has announced interim pre-tax profits below expectations at £21.6 million to end-June, a 7 per cent improvement on last year's expecting about £23 million

for the first half. closed at 195p, down 11p on the day. Sales rose 16.5 per cent to £252.5 million, but were down slightly after discontinued businesses were stripped out.

products division was the being developed in Spain.

LAIRD Group, the specialist worst affected by current diffiengineering and car body seals cult trading conditions, with profits down 3.7 per cent at £7.9 million.

Profits at sealing systems were up 4.5 per cent at £10.2 million and service industries period. Analysts had been up 27 per cent to £5.3 million. An £11.2 million extraordinary credit relates to the net The shares immediately surplus on the disposal of the shed 8p on the news and transport systems division and three other subsidiaries

John Gardiner, the chairman, said Laird is investing heavily in new capacity in West Germany "ahead of the Earnings fell 1.3p to 13p supply of car seals for new cars after a £35.2 million one-for- to be launched there in 1991 five rights issue in August last and 1992". Production capacyear. A 4p interim dividend is ity is being increased in 2.5 per cent up. The industrial France, and a new plant is

Butte in £31m bid

By Angela Mackay

shares for VAM and Persever- to raise £750,000. ance Corporation, the Australian gold mining companies.

Butte will swap two new 10p shares for every three VAM shares and four new Butte ounces for the year ended June shares for every Perseverance

VAM owns 49.6 per cent of

BUTTE Mining, the British the latter is conditional on the base metals company with completion of the VAM purrights to develop and exploit chase. Butte also placed 5 1,500 acres in Montana, yes-million new shares with interday bid £31 million in stitutional investors yesterday

> groups, which have positive cash flows, had combined gold production of about 35,000 30 and are expected to produce 65,000 ounces next year.

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Allied in the Vanguard with leasing plan By DEREK HARRIS, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

ALLIED Breweries, part of the Allied-Lyons food and drinks group, has launched a leasing scheme for pub tenants, which underlines the group's strategy of remaining both a brewer and a retailer through pub outlets.

The long-term plan, which includes sales volumes incentives, is designed to foster tenant loyalty ahead of government orders generated by the monopoly investigation of the beer industry. Enough pubs should take up the new leases to bring the group close to the 2,400 that must be released from the tenancy tie by 1992 under the orders. This puts Allied in a good position to

keep operating its pubs chain, which

currently consists of more than 6,000

outlets. In addition, Allied's six breweries will increase beer volume as the result of a five-year agreement to brew and supply most of Greenall Whitley's ale and lager needs.

Roy Moss, chairman and chief executive of Allied Breweries, said: "The combination of these two initiatives reinforces Allied Breweries' strategy, which is based on the building of strong brands, produced at low cost, together with a major commitment to retailing."

The long-lease scheme, known as Vanguard, is similar to other long-term leasing plans that have been emerging elsewhere in the industry, the best

known being Grand Metropolitan's Inntrepreneur. Vanguard leases will run for ten years with extensions of up to another ten. There are already about 400 pubs let

on longer-term full repairing leases and Vanguard is expected raise the total to about 2,000 over the next two years. Mr Moss said: "By guaranteeing longer periods of security for our

licensees and letting our pubs on more commercially attractive terms, we will ensure that we attract and retain top quality lessees who are both enterprising and have flair and a commitment to building the business to our mutual



WORLD MARKETS

touching year's low

first time this week after a day Tokyo Asset Management, of moderately active but volatile trading Prices dropped More and more people are to a low for this year in the afraid of holding shares. Even may be taking a positive turn.

Ross Rowbury, a senior hear positive things." dealer at Sanyo Securities, said: "The market is discounting the possibility of war. As soon as that possibility is removed, people will buy.

The Nikkei index closed up 150.16 points, or 0.63 per cent, at 23,962.07. The index feil 266.43 points on Thursday and is down 2,016.3 points, or 7.76 per cent, on the week.

The Nikkei was down 406.2 points to a 1990 low for daytime dealings of 23,405.71 at mid-morning. The previous low of 23,547.27 was on August 24.
The index then rebounded,

reaching 233.23 points above Thursday's close at mid-afternoon, as talk swept the market that there may have been a change of government in Iraq. A dealer at a Japanese broker said: "The rumours are an excuse for people to buy.

Everyone is scared. The

Nikkei broke through its low

and people are afraid the

market will come down fur-

Tokyo
SHARES ended firmer for the portfolio manager at Bank of Tokyo Asset Management, said: "The mood is gloomy. morning, then recovered in if the rumours aren't true, it the afternoon on talk that the doesn't matter much. The situation in the Middle East point is how the market interprets them. It needs to

> The Nikkei yesterday was down 38.4 per cent from the record set at the end of 1989. Turnover was a moderate 440 million shares against 380

> million shares on Thursday. • Hong Kong - The Hang Seng index rebounded to end higher after a nervous rally started by overseas reports of a coup in Iraq. The index rose 15.06 to 3,047.91 after easing by more than 20 points in the morning. The broader Hong Kong index gained 10.48 to 2,002.74.

> Frankfurt — Shares ended mixed, as some rose on shortcovering while others slipped slightly in an uncertain market. The DAX index ended 5.80 points higher at 1,562.92. ● Singapore — Prices were generally soft but closed above their morning lows in quiet trading. The Straits Times industrial index ended 7.80 points down at 1,238.76, after having been down 15.77 points at midday. (Reuter)

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STOCK MARKET

Nikkei closes 150 Kingfisher shares fall amid points higher after talk of traded options deals

SHARES in Kinglisher, the Woolworth, Comet and B&Q DIY retailer, suffered an acute bout of nervousness, falling 11p to 307p before the interim figures expected in a couple of

Morgan Stanley, the American securities house, is believed to have affected the price by picking up 1,000 October 300p puts in the traded options market.

Other dealers took this as a signal that Morgan expects the share price to fall sharply during the next three months. Nick Bubb, Morgan's retail analyst, is believed to have reduced his estimate of ore-tax profits for the first six months of the current year to £50 million - below most market forecasts. Other analysts are looking for about £63 million, against £64 million last time. A profit of £225 million has been pencilled in for the full year compared with £207.4

Mr Bubb was unavailable for comment yesterday. But followers of Kingfisher claim that he is taking a cautious stance on the group's DIY operations, which are deressed by continuing high interest rates

The worries about the sector

also upset other DIY specialists. Ladbroke fell op before rallying to close 1p firmer at 268p. Boots, which boasts extensive DIY interests, also suffered a markdown, but later reduced the fall to 5p at 279p. Dealers claim that there have been a number of profit downgradings after indications by Boots that some City estimates were too optimistic. Its half-year figures are scheduled for November. BZW is still predicting that the double-digit profit growth will Boots' decision to link its DIY interests with those of WH Smith in a joint venture.

MAJOR CHANGES

Grand Met 553½p (+10p) Northern Foods 335p (+8p) Reuters 855 pp (+14p) Glaxo 744½p (+19p) Lowe Group 231p (+11p) Thomson Corp 885p (+40p)
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KING SHER

The rest of the equity market suffered an early double blow from John Major, the Britain would be joining the exchange-rate mechanism this weekend. He also took the opportunity to forecast that inflation would rise above the 10 per cent level and that high interest rates would be with us

for some time. His comments, combined with another rise in the price of oil and a dull performance overnight on Wall Street.

Unigate recovered a fall to close unchanged at 285p, despite a sell recommendation by Salomon Brothers, the New York securities house. Now that Larry Goodman has sold his 8.8 per cent stake, the prospect of a bid for Unigate has disappeared. Salomon is urging its clients to switch into Albert Fisher, 1p firmer at 114p, or Booker, 3p better at 396p.

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meant a sharp markdown for prices at the opening.
But selling remained light and prices rallied strongly in late trading with New York shaking off the effects of some disappointing employment figures to achieve an early, 25point rise in the Dow Jones industrial average. The FT-SE 100 index finished 2 up, ending the three-week account at 2,122.9, a fall on the

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Severa Trent, 3p to 207p, Southern, 5p to 199p, South West, 6p to 211p, Thames, 3p to 221p, Welsh, 3p to 219p, Wessex, 8p to 211p, and Yerkshire, 6p to 230p. The water package jumped £40 to £2,165.

The FT 30 index lost 1.4 at

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North West, 4p to 218p,

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Tate & Lyle, the Mr Cube sugar producer, provided the only excitement on a dull day by throwing its hat into the ring for Berisford Interaccount of 54 points. The FT- national's British Sugar

subsidiary. The Tate price responded with a fall of 6p to 247p.

Tate contemplated making a full bid for Berisford this year but withdrew, expressing concern about Berisford's non-sugar interests. British Sugar is believed to warrant a price-tag of about £1 billion. It would give Tate & Lyle almost 90 percent of the sugar market in this country and is bound to attract further scrutiny by the Monopolies Commission.

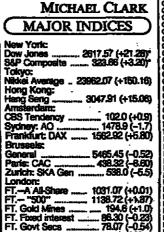
Associated British Foo also fell 14p to 404p. It has expressed an interest in bidding for British Sugar and already has a 22 per cent stake SE was more than 15 points down at one stage yesterday.

advertising agency, fell 12p to 51p after announcing that it would not be paying a dividend on its ordinary shares money for some time left nor on its 6.3 per cent redeemable preference shares.

The chancellor's warning on inflation and the prospect of high interest rates for sometime cast a shadow over the which was knocked on Thursday by a gloomy CBI survey on the distributive trades. Falls were seen in Great Universal Stores A, 8p to 980p, Marks and Spencer 5p Beaught Into 226p, Argos, 3p to 235p, and Dixmes 3n to 132p.

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The housebuilder George Wimpey rallied 3p to 173p in the wake of this week's profits and before the wake of the wake of the wake of the seek's profits. warning, while Barratt Develments firmed lp to 136p, as did Beazer by 2p to 129p. But there were losses for Cestain, 8p to 188p and Crest Nicholson, 3p to 105p. P&O was also a weak market before interim figures, losing 21p to 491p, making a two-day loss of 44p. It seemed to have slipped some minds that P&O owns Bovis, the housebuilder.



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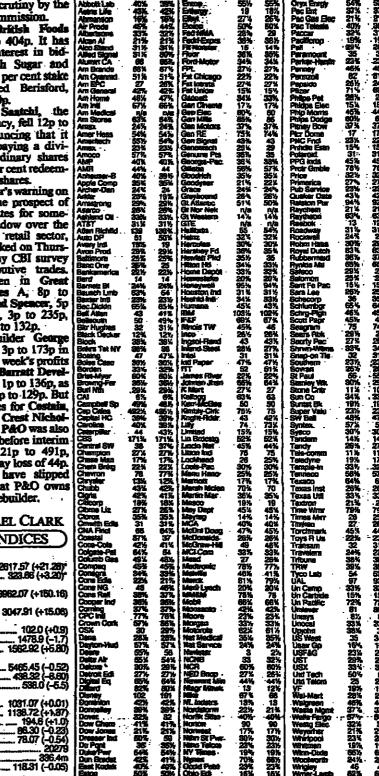
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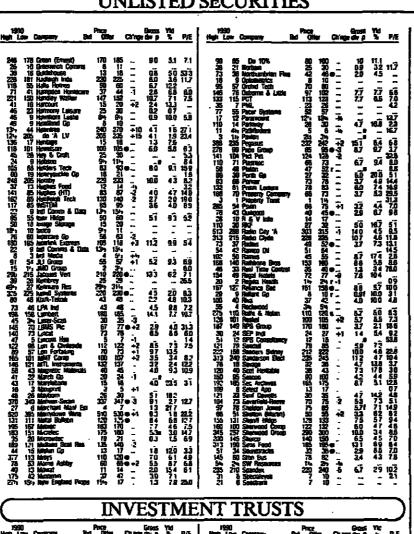
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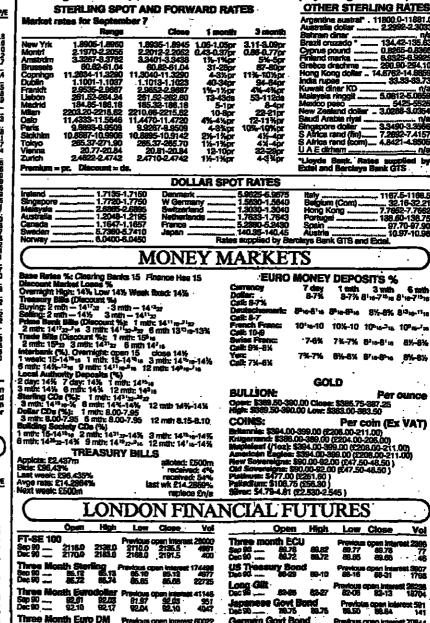


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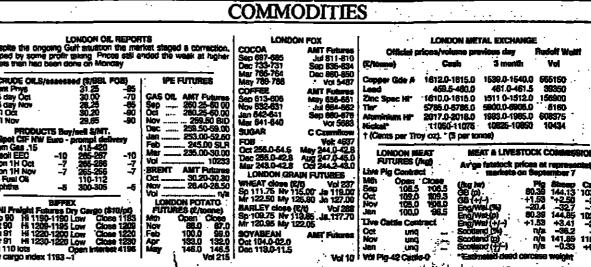


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High interest rates fail to deter buyers from having large mortgages

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

THE British obsession with housing and willingness to take on burdensome mortgages still con-tinues in spite of record interest levels according to statistics re-leased by the Halifax Building Society this week.

The largest lender reported that house prices have fallen by 1.8 per cent over the past year. But the size of mortgages taken on continues to rise. The average house price in August was £66,397 with mortgage advances running at £45,000. This compares with the height of the housing market, in 1988, when the average property cost £62,000 and the new owners took on loans of about £39,500.

First-time buyers who are now paying on average 2.5 per cent less for homes this year than they were last summer are still borrowing more. Back in the autumn of 1988 first-timers borrowed on average £40,500 and paid £48,000. Now with prices at £48,900 they are borrowing £43,000.

Wages have risen typically by 20 per cent over the past two years but mortgage rates have also risen steeply from a low point of 9.5 per cent to 9.8 per cent in the summer of 1988 to the current 15.4 per cent for most building societies.

This means that in monthly terms most new mortgages are taking a higher proportion of monthly income than loans were at the height of the market. A £45,000 repayment loan now costs £497.80 a month. This compares. with £362.01 a month on a £39,500 loan in late 1988, when interest rates had already risen 3 per cent from their low point. First-buyers would be paying on average £471.39 a month now compared with £373.19 in late 1988.

At the height of the market, house prices in the Greater London area were five-and-a-haif times income. Now with average incomes close on £16,000 the average property is still five times income. In the country as a whole the multiple on house prices is 4.4 times and steadily falling says Gary Marsh, manager of central planning and research at the Halifax. The society expects it will have fallen to four times average

income by the end of the year. In the North, where average



prices are still substantially cheaper with average prices at £50,000. This gives a price earnings ratio of 3.5 times. Because of the lower ratio and the continued growth in incomes, the society is not predicting the same dramatic falls in house prices in the north that the Southeast and East Anglia have suffered. Mr Marsh reported that sales in the North had quietened down significantly and that prices were pretty flat.

Borrowers seem to have ruled out a further rise in interest rates earnings are slightly lower, house said Mr Marsh. The lower prop-

For sale: lower prices have not resulted in lower mortgages

erty price for first-time buyers was not a reflection of lack of confidence, he suggested, but the fact that people without properties to sell could drive a hard bargain.

"Now is rationally the best time

for first-time buyers to come into the market. We are being careful on the multiples we lead on, but there are no signs that borrowers are worried about taking on loans after the experiences of the last two years. Many see the market as an opportunity to buy a better property than they would otherwise be able to afford."

Home ownership round the world

THE lack of reasonably priced rented accommodation forces people in Britain to enter the property market earlier than in any other country (Lindsay Cook

writes). Those aged under 25 account for 35 per cent of mortgage holders in Britain, compared with 19 per cent in America and even lower in

In West Germany, for example, only 42 per cent of households are owner-occupied and people under 30 account for 9.5 per cent of these. The average first-time buyer is 36 and only borrows 65 per cent of the purchase price. Fixed mortgage rates are most popular, with the rate usually being guaranteed for five years at the outset.

in Britain, two thirds of households are owner-occupied with close to 10 million properties being mortgaged. The distribution of owner occupation is equally

PAYING the mortgage is set to cut

deeper into most American house-

hold budgets this year, in some of a

sharp fall in house prices in some

2.7 per cent. But in many areas,

local economies have been hit by

slumps in the defence, technology

and financial services industries

that have marked house prices

into smaller mortgage repayments. Economists say the rising

mortgage rate will mean Ameri-

cans will pay more for their loans,

even though they may need to borrow less for a house.

9 per cent to 10.7 per cent last

month. Americans are now spend-

ing just under a quarter of their

income on mortgage repayments. The average family house costs

\$678.48 a month, about \$20 a

month higher than last year,

according to The Mortgage Bank-

Bankers say there is evidence

that families in the Nineties are no

longer prepared to over extend

Some economists believe house

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John Tuccillo, chief economist with the National Association of

Realtors, an 800,000-strong estate

agents' association, said: "De-

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Taken nationally, the cost of the typical family home has risen by

country.

claim that 52 per cent of homes are owner-occupied. Agricultural workers have the highest concentration at 75 per cent, then come the managerial and higher professional categories at 55 per cent, followed by ordinary employees at 34 per cent. The concentration of ownership is low in Paris and other urban areas and high in rural

districts. Spain has the highest ownership ratio at 85 per cent because realestate has been traditionally seen as a safe investment. Loans are usually made up of up to 70 per cent of the property's value on a repayment basis. They are mostly of 15 to 17 years in duration.

in Italy, where 60 per cent of existing homes are owner-occupied, mortgages for second-hand properties are usually limited to

prices continue to rise."

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Loans stay high as

prices in US cool

From PHILIP ROBINSON IN LOS ANGELES

spread throughout the whole 50 per cent of the value. It is estimated that between 60 per cent In France, official statistics and 75 per cent of housing finance comes from personal family

savings. Switzerland has the lowest owner-occupation rate in Europe. In 1980, it was just 27.5 per cent, 7 per cent lower than in 1960.

Eastern European nations claim home ownership rates as high as 80 per cent with state loans in some cases available at interest rates as low as 0.5 per cent to 3 per

But homeowners face a change to market interest rates in the coming years as housing and housing finance are transformed from the old-style command economies to market-led systems.

In Hungary proposals to increase the rate of interest on existing loans from 3 per cent towards a market rate in excess of 20 per cent have suffered political

reversals. The issue is complicated by the fact that in Hungary and Poland it is not possible for lenders to take possession of a house where the borrower has

defaulted. In East Germany a reform of the land registration system is needed as there are many cases of three different people laying claim to

the same property. In Yugoslavia much housing investment has been financed by remittances from Yugoslavs work-

ing abroad. The mortgage market in Britain enables people to start young because 100 per cent loans are available in some cases and 90 to 95 per cent loans are common. This means that only small denosits have to be saved, for the first property compared with other European countries where a third or more of the property's value is



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Lift off: BAA promised a loyalty bonus at flotation to 'eligible' shareholders

Protests over BAA bonus

By Barbara Ellis

held continuously until July

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had declared themselves eli-

Peter Pike, of Hertfordshire,

complained: "My understand-

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PRIVATISATIONS and large on the BAA loyalty bonus cannot judge yourself eligible scale public flotations follow a qualifying period. In this case, similar pattern, with every loyalty, as such, was not deadline succeeded by a wave enough. Shareholders who of protests from disappointed had bought in the July 1987

Over the years, as the government and its advisers have struggled to simplify form-filling procedures, investors' excuses have become more elaborate and inventive. box 4 on the original applica-Loyalty bonuses have a delayed impact, being given only to shareholders who stay on the register between certain

So it was when time ran out eligible for something. You

The fact that one has bought these shares and held on to them - and in my case bought additional shares - what else do you have to do?" offer were entitled to one bonus share for every ten they

Mr Pike suggested it would have been possible for someone to fill in the form claiming eligibility, then sell the shares but still receive the bonus. gible by answering "ves" in But a spokeswoman for the

ransport department rejected Mr Pike's arguments. She explained that eligibility dec laration was simply confirmation that the applicant met the tests set out in the prospectus: being an individual, not a partnership, trust or company

The spokeswoman added that two share registers have been kept for BAA, one for the loyalty bonus and one for the shares overall. This meant that anyone who had declared themselves eligible and then sold the shares before the deadline would have been

removed from both registers. Although the department had received a number of complaints about the BAA bonus shares, it would not reconsider the allocation.

"This is no different from any other privatisation," she

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Recovery

Ombudsman rules against fraud claim

payments in such a case.

should be made. In some

ways, an order to pay compensation by the in-

surance ombudsman would be

an easy way out, since it would

was facing a new challenge this to make amends. week, after ruling that inves- Laurie Edmans, assistant general manager (marketing) tors who lost more than £300,000 to a fraudster will probably not be able to claim

Dr Julian Farrand, the ombudsman, was responding to pleas from investors who had been tricked into signing forged policy documents between 1986 and 1988. They believed they were taking out Capital Investment Bonds is-sued by National Provident Institution (NPI) and other life assurance companies.

Andrew Maher, who was ailed for four years at Southwark Crown Court in April, had applied for bonds issued by NPI and at least three other nsurers. He had then removed the names, changed the policy numbers and sold them to his clients, insisting that cheques be made payable to him rather than the assur-

The investors had argued that NPI and the others should pay compensation, since they thought they were taking out legitimate bonds. Now, the ombudsman has ruled that they appear to have no such claim.

"This is only a provisional finding," said Dr Farrand. "It is not final and gives investors the opportunity to respond. Such findings do quite often lead to a response, sometimes with material that may lead to a different view."

While the decision is good news for the life assurance companies, it also leaves them facing a dilemma. For if investors genuinely believed they were signing up with a well-known investment house, it could be argued that

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THE insurance ombudsman the company has a moral duty precedent. One investor who was laid off from the newspaper printing industry paid the bulk of his £70,000 redunat NPI, said: "The ruling is dancy package to Maher, good in that it comes down believing it would be invested with NPI. He has spent two heavily on our side, and shows that we have been acting years fighting for compensaproperly. However, there is tion and was devastated by the

the question of whether or not ruling. "I am 43, I have lost my we should make ex gratia home and I can't get a job," he The main worry for life said, "I have spent two years fighting this, and am now at companies is deciding in what circumstances such payments

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my wit's end.' This is not the end of the story. The ombudsman may reconsider his ruling in the light of new evidence, and investors may take the matter to the courts.



Investors can respond to ruling: Julian Farrand

SALES of endowment policies selling more than 70 policies hit the big time next Thurs- at each with a range of size and day. Three policies with sums maturity dates. Fifteen of the

Policy sales hit big time

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assured totalling £1.25 mil- policies sold at its August sale £100,000, will be on sale at an more than their surrender neered sales of endowments (Rodney Hobson writes).

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series of auctions this year,

lion, plus an annuity of achieved at least 40 per cent auction by HE Foster & values and a few beat the Cranfield, which has pio- surrender value by 60 per cent.

While buyers cannot be sure of future levels of bonuses, they are aiming to earn annual naught Rooms, Great Queen growth of 15-17 per cent after allowing for payment of future Foster & Cranfield has run a premiums, based on past

Value of £40 a month invested from the

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Society

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23 May 69	£40	£40	£40
1969	280	285	304
1970	760_	792	776
1971	1,240	1,324	1,924
1972	1,720	1,883	3,187
1973	2,200	2,504	3,118
1974	2,680	3,196	2,434
1975	3,160	3,930	4,825
1976	3,640	4,709	5,430
1977	4,120	5,542	12,536
1978	4,600	6,402	16,128
1979	5,080	7,458	19,831
1980_	<u>5.560</u>	8,757	23,260
1981	6,040	10,084	27,690
1982	6,520	11,494	26,796
1983	7,000	12,843	38,694
1984	7,480	14,357	51,572
1985 _	7,960	16.135	65,543
1986	8,440	17,910	97,702
1987	8,920	19,798	122,427
1988	9,400	21,713	145,130
1989	9,880	24,267	178,404
31 Aug 1990	10,200	26,310*	153,182
Notes: All figures include re-invested income net of basic rate tax. The Building Society			

launch of M&G Recovery Fund.

Invested

figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (Source: Cenhal Statistical Office - Financial Statistics).

M&G Recovery figures are all realisation values. An investment of £40 a month in M&G Recovery Fund from 31st August 1985 (£2,400) would have grown to £2,893 by 31st August 1990 with net income reinvested.

*Estimated using current interest rate levels.

The price of units and the income reinvested may fluctuate. As you can see from the table, the value of your investment can go down as well as up.

FURTHER INFORMATION On 31st August 1990 the offered price for Accumulation

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the 'offered price' (at which you buy units) and the 'bid' price (at which you sell). We have a discretion to vary Manager's annual charge. Trustee's fees (currently plus VAT) based on the fund's mid-market value are deducted from gross income pro-rata on the first day of reclaim the tax credit from the Inland Revenue.

not now subject to capital gains tax and gains since 31st March 1982 are subject to indexation relief.

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Lost and stolen credit cards televisions and home electroaccount for nearly 70 per cent nics. Accidental damage and of credit card fraud, according personal possessions cover are to a worldwide review by offered as optional add-ons, MasterCard. There was a 15 and premiums may be paid per cent rise in fraud activity interest-free each month. last year, with counterfeit Royal Life Estates has fraud experiencing the most formed a new company to rapid growth, mainly due to a help Britons buying property abroad. Royal Life Estates rise in crime in the Asia/ Pacific region. "Never-re-Overseas is thought to be the ceived" cards and mail order/ first company of its kind to telephone fraud also increased Group has launched a home offer a comprehensive service significantly.

insurance policy providing up throughout Britain. Advisers Midland Bank has into £30,000 of home contents will help arrange mortgages, troduced a higher interest rate savings of more than £25,000 in its Exchequer 90-day account. The higher rate is paid on the whole balance, with interest paid half-yearly in June and December. The account, launched in February, bas attracted nearly £700 million.

> ■ General Portfolio Life Insurance has reduced the rates on its guaranteed income and growth bonds, cutting the top guaranteed income rate over one year to 11.15 per cent after tax. A net annual rate of 10 per cent is now available on guaranteed income bonds over four years. Net rates on the guaranteed growth bonds start at 11.15 per cent over one year, rising to 46.41 per cent over four years. The minimum investment is £1,000 2,000± none 071-600 6000 and a monthly income option is available on balances of at least £5,000. For investments of £50,000 or more, the interest rate over one year has been revised to 11.6 per cent.

> > An inheritance tax planning package from M&G Life Assurance is aimed at what it sees as an increasing but under-exploited market. Insuring against a tax payment can be undertaken by single or regular payments. There is an option to increase cover by 50 per cent if inheritance tax rates are increased. The sum assured does not form part of the estate for tax

Sharebuying by post has been introduced by Diameter Stockbrokers of Guildford, Surrey, which specialises in low-cost sharedealing. Customers can send a buy request by letter enclosing a cheque for up to £3,000. Diameter will buy the optimum number of shares in the requested stock depending on the prevailing price. A contract note is sent within 24 hours. The charge is 0.5 per cent of stock value, subject to a minimum of £10.

A unit trust investing in UK cash deposits and other financial instruments was launched by Thornton Unit Managers this week. Existing Thornton unitholders can switch at no cost. There will be no initial charge and the annual management fee is 0.5 per cent.

Offshore centres of the Royal Bank of Scotland will be co-ordinated through an international private banking centre in Jersey as part of a thorough revision of the bank's offshore services. RBS wants to reinforce its position providing services worldwide.

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WEEKEND MONEY

High annuity rates on pensions offer chance of early retirement

ANNUITY rates are at their highest ever levels. This could make early retirement more attractive for self-employed people who have their own section 226 pension plans or anyone who is a member of a money purchase company pension scheme.

Annuity rates play a vital part in determining the annual amount of pension that can be bought with the proceeds of these schemes, unlike final salary company pension schemes where the pension is related to salary. The rates that apply at retirement will dictate the pension for the rest

Bob Wakely, pensions man-ager at Norwich Union, said that anyone nearing normal retirement age, or considering early retirement, should keep an eye on annuity rate trends.

"If you have any choice in the matter, timing your retirement when annuity rates are high could make good sense,"

Movements in annuity rates can make a considerable difference to a pension. For example, a man with his own pension scheme who retired in June last year, aged 65, when interest rates were substantially lower than now would have received a level annual pension of £1,347.12 for every £10,000 he invested in a Norwich Union annuity. Now a man of the same age would receive £1,496.60.

Annuity rates vary continuously, reflecting the current rate of return on long-dated government securities and other fixed interest investments. They are adjusted regularly by companies in chase company pension response to changes. When interest rates rise, annuity rates will rise and vice versa.

Mike Corley, of Sun Alliance, said that annuity rates could well have almost

peaked.
"It is expected that with a general election coming up in the next year or two, interest rates will go down. This will also bring annuity rates down. So anybody not in a final salary scheme who is considering retirement in the next year or so might want to

Alliance conducted a survey that found early retirement is becoming an increasingly popular option with both men

and women. personal pension schemes have the most flexibility about when they start drawing their pension, said Mr Wakely.

They don't even have to their retirement benefits. Under a \$226 contract benefits can be drawn anytime from age 60, while with a personal pension plan, benefits can be taken from age 50

Even with a money purscheme, it may be possible with the company's agreement fact that those who retire early to take early retirement but cannot make any further concontinue to work, say, on a tributions to their pension and freelance basis (unless the person is a controlling director).

will miss out on possible

investment growth. A larger

pension fund will normally

buy a larger annuity unless

interest rates drop sharply.

The type of pension scheme

also plays a part in the calcula-

tions that need to be made.

Since the stock market tends

to do badly when interest rates

are high, a unit linked pension

scheme may be worth less

when annuity rates are at their

best, so it may be better to

hang on until share prices

recover. With-profits schemes

are less volatile.

nd women.

"However, if by working
Those with section 226 or and drawing a pension you are pushed into the high rate tax band, combining the two may not be so sensible," Mr Wakely added.

There are also other considstop working in order to take erations to be taken into account before early retirement. One factor is that the older you are the higher the annuity rates will be. So by retiring at 64 instead of 65, for example, at current rates a man would receive an annuity of £1,467 instead of £1,496.60

Employees in a money purfor every £10,000 invested. chase company pension plan More serious, though, is the will have their annuity bought

by their employer. Those with a \$226 pension plan will have to make their own arrangements, as will holders of personal pension plans. There is no compulsion to buy an annuity from the same company that has provided the pension plan. Policyholders can make use of the open market and shop around for the best annuity rate. If they do not they could lose out substantially.

Annuity rates vary widely and most people will almost certainly need the help of an independent adviser to obtain the best deal. It is also important to decide on the type of annuity required. A level payment annuity will provide the highest initial income but its value will be gradually eroded by inflation. It is, therefore, preferable to choose an annuity that provides a growing income

There are several variations on this theme. There are escalating annuities, where the income increases at a fixed percentage of between 3 per cent and 10 per cent a year, index linked annuities where income rises in line with the retail prices index; and investment linked annuities where the income is determined by the performance of with-profits or unit linked funds.

Escalating annuities are the most popular. Colin Wroath, of Generali, one of the current leaders in the annuity field, said that about 50 per cent of open market option annuities purchased are of the escalating type, with a 5 per cent a year increase being the most usual. The income starts lower than with a level annuity but gradually builds up and overtakes it after a few years. But there is no guarantee that the pension will keep up with inflation.

Spate of cheaper loans from mortgage lenders on offer to home buyers

A CLUTCH of new deals from early, borrowers also have to Monday at 13.65 again begin to anticipate possible bank base rate cuts before Christmas. A half per cent reduction in bank rates would be unlikely to change most variable mortgages offered by building societies and high street banks, but a 1 per cent cut would signal good news for all home buyers

(Gillian Bowditch writes). In the meantime, cheap mortgages are restricted to those buying or remortgaging property with a new lender Abbey National is offering a 1 per cent discount until the end of next year to first-time buyers. This reduces its rate to 14.4 per cent on loans up to £60,000 and 13.75 per cent on larger loans.

First Mortgage Securities (FMS) is offering two new discounted mortgage products for customers borrowing less than £75,000. The first is a fixed rate loan at 12.5 per cent mortgage until June 1991, increasing to 13.5 per cent for the year to June 1992.

It is also offering a 13.25 per cent variable interest rate mortgage capped until June 1991. If the variable mortgage rate falls below this level before next June then the rate would be reduced in line with the market. Borrowers should be able to reduce their monthly mortgage payments by between £30 and £70,

according to FMS.

The fixed rate product is also available for mortgages up to a maximum of £500,000, fixed at 13.5 per cent until June 1992. There is an arrangement fee of up to £250. If the mortgage is redeemed

Scarborough Building Society has launched a highearners discount mortgage for those borrowing between £50,000 and £750,000. The mortgage offers a 1.4 per cent discount on its variable base rates until August 1, 1991. This reduces the rate to 14 per cent and the annual saving on £75,000 would be £1,000.

Scarborough will lend 70 per cent of the valuation, and the mortgage is available using the repayment method of the borrower's choice. The society will lend up to three times primary income plus the secondary income, or two times joint income.

There is an arrangement fee of £150 and borrowers have to take out insurance on house and contents through the Scar-

borough's agent.
National & Provincial

Building Society is introducing a fixed rate mortgage on



mortgage lenders are on offer pay three months' interest until the end of 1992. The this week as lenders once during the fixed or capped maximum loan is 95 per cent periods and one month there- of valuation or purchase price. whichever is lower, and can be repaid by endowment, repayment personal equity plan or pension methods. There is a 90-day interest penalty for redemption within the fixed

rate period. The Town & County Building Society is offering a flexible mortgage repayment plan cent of the property's value.

The loans are for people facing short-term additional expenses or a temporary fall in income. The borrower has to place an amount equivalent to the deposit into a Moneywise cheque account with the society. The society may increase the loan to enable this.

Each month the borrower tween the full and reduced payment is transferred from the Moneywise account. The interest rate charged is variable. At present it is 15.4 per cent for mortgages up to 95 per cent and 15.9 per cent for mortgages over 95 per cent.

There is no rolled up interest and if there is sufficient equity in the property, no. repayments need be made at all for up to a year. The society will accept reduced payments for up to three years.

lan Bell, managing director, says the product is especially suitable for single people who need time off work to study, career women on maternity leave and divorcing couples.

UCB Home Loans Corporation is offering a 25-year mortgage with a stabilised payment

Female 60	Σ.	Male 65	£
Stalwart Assurance	1,320.00	Contederation Life	1.510.00
Britannia Life	1,307.64	Norwich Union	1,496.60
Confederation Life	1,307.00	Stalwart Assurance	1,496.00
Providence Capitol	1,294.68	Generali	1,480.95
Norwich Union	1,291.50	Providence Capitol	1,480.92
London Life	1,282.56	Equitable Life	1,480.56
Equitable Life	1,279.56	London Life	1,480.56
Britannic Assurance		Britannia Life	1,480.20
NPI	1,272.00	Sun Alliance	1,479 60
Scottish Mutual	1.271.04	Britannic Assurance	1,464,24

TOP TEN OPEN MARKET OPTION ANNUITIES

Annual gross amount of annuity payable monthly in advance guaranteed five years. Purchase price £10.000

Families lack adequate life cover

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

British families have adequate £12,000 that emerged in last thirds of those questioned £140,000, assuming a return believe that their family is of 10 per cent on the investadequately covered.

year's survey estimated that with life assurance is currently on average their family £41,000. eded an income of nearly £14,000 a year, 18 per cent children have no personal life

FEWER than 5 per cent of more than the figure of cover at all, the survey finds, life assurance cover according year's survey. To provide an only 5 per cent have enough to to a survey by Abbey Life, the income of £14,000 a year provide them with the income

insurance company, yet two-requires a capital sum of Those responding to this the average payout of those shows that the average family Nearly a fifth of adults with

they say they need.

Although inflation has been rising, spending on life assurment after tax. But Abbey says ance is falling. The survey spends £23 a week keeping a car on the road and £13 on alcohol and tobacco, but under £10 on life assurance.

TODAY'S STOCKMARKETS:

The Risks and Rewards of Equity Investment.

This may seem an unlikely time to be promoting equity investment. The Middle East crisis is causing considerable volatility in stockmarkets around the world and whilst the crisis continues that volatility is likely to remain.

So it's understandable that, for many people, staying ih — indeed investing in — equities appears too 'risky' right now. But is it?

The fact is that for investors prepared to take a long-term view, equity investment provides one of the best ways to build longterm wealth.

Furthermore, buying equities during periods of market uncertainty - despite the short term apparent risk - can often maximise the potential for long term gains.

Just look at the chart. Despite some severe setbacks (remember the oil crisis of the early 70s and the crash of '87?), the real value of your money invested in the stockmarket would have increased more than seven-fold. In a Building Society, it would have almost halved.

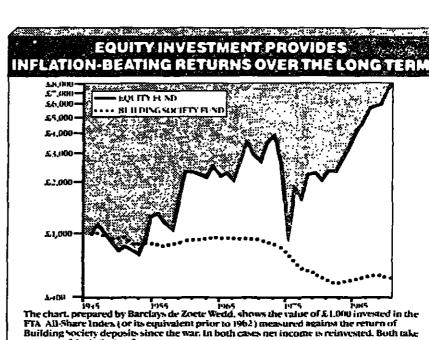
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WHAT DO EASTERN MARKETS OFFER NOW?

The Gulf Crisis has had a dramatic impact on world stock markets. Eastern markets are no exception. While uncertainty remains, the volatility is likely to continue - although it is our view that markets may have over-reacted.

What is unchanged is the fact that Eastern markets contain many of the fastest growing economies in the world. Their industries produce an enormous range of domestic products essential to the West's standard of living. And in previous oil crises these economies have shown a remarkable ability to adapt to new conditions and to maintain the momentum of growth.

With share prices at current levels our view is that investors should consider buying opportunities in the East.

Save & Prosper's Eastern Discovery Fund provides a portfolio that aims to take advantage of the region's growth potential. On 6th September 1990 the portfolio was:

Japan	17.3% 14.3%	Singapore Indonesia	10.7% 7.8%
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Travellers plagued A tale of banks in two cities High price to leap by account delays Paris and London have long captured the imaginations of travellers High price to leap language barrier

TRAVELLERS on an exten- counts can be paid only in the ded holiday to Britain who intend to open a bank account upon arrival should be prepared for delays, as I discovered after arriving with a twoyear working-holiday visa.

I deposited a bank draft of more than £2,000 in the Aldwych branch of Lloyds Bank the day I arrived in impossible to produce a ref-London from Australia. I also erence from a British employapplied for a Lloyds Bank er. As far as giving a permapayment card, which includes a Visa debit card, £100 cheque financial institutions were not guarantee card, automatic keen to send cards and perteller machine facility and

The bank said it would "see ed to be about a month later. how the account runs for a few months" before issuing the Bank said intending travellers payment card. A cashpoint card and cheque book would write a letter of introduction be issued, but not a cheque and include personal banking guarantee card.

After six weeks nothing had arrived, although the bank reference from the branch week apart to the correct address. It had no record of helping me fill in the applica- and cheque facilities.

either to travel to Aldwych or round time is "more than a pay a £5 fee to withdraw from cover the cost of a clerk telephoning Aldwych to confirm the account's balance.

Frustrated with the bank's system, I approached Abbey National, I was told the facilfrom my employer, a permanent address and entailed at least a three-week delay while my credit risk was assessed.

country of issue, which means if I use my Visa credit card I have to send money back to Australia or arrange for someone to ensure accounts are paid and that sufficient, acces sible funds are available.

If I decided to travel first and work later, it would be nent British address, both sonal identification numbers to another city where I intend-

A spokesman for Lloyds should ask their own bank to and credit details, provide

The bank would then contact an English branch of one's the credit card application, choice to establish an account though the clerk remembers and appropriate credit card

Lloyds does not charge a fee To withdraw money I had for this service but the turnmonth". To obtain an Access credit card as opposed to a Visa debit card, could still take up to six months. If one arrives in England

without having prepared, it is more time-consuming as Lloyds has to check personal ities I wanted required a letter banking history. The bank will want to see a passport, credit manager's discretion weigh All of this is most inconve- favourably. Having a job definient for the traveller-cum- nitely helps and a fixed ad-

But as Weekend Money discovered, foreigners still find the seemingly Paris

I KNEW it would not be easy rules, was obliged to pay a simple task of opening a bank account a frustrating experience



London: Lloyds' Aldwych branch put card on hold



Paris: endless delays cashing cheques from Britain

pening a bank account in France. I had been warned by my friends: it was the French who invented the word

What I was not prepared for was the endless delays I encountered obtaining money that had been paid into my account by a cheque drawn on an English bank.

This summer I opened an account at a Credit Lyonnais branch in Paris. Among the papers I had to provide was proof I was actually paying rent, which came in the form of a letter from my flatmate, a copy of her passport, and a copy of a gas bill to her at that

I also had to provide proof I was employed in France. All this had to be in French and officially translated from Engish. The letter from my employer, all of two lines, cost me about Fr300 (£29) to have translated. "It is not the number of words translated, monsieur, it is the official stamp you pay for," the translator kindly explained to

Once I had gathered my documents I took them to the bank where a helpful bank manager filled in my account application for me. I paid in ome cash and a couple of cheques, the most important being for £2,000 from the Royal Bank of Scotland. The manager told me i would receive a cheque book in the mail and a cash card in about

A month later I was still waiting for the £2,000 cheque to be cleared. I had found an apartment, and under French

two-month deposit and twoand a half month's rent in advance. The deposit was Fr12,000, which I paid out of the cash I had deposited with Credit Lyonnais, and the date by which I have to pay my first rent instalment, another

Fr15,000, is fast approaching. Why had the cheque not been cleared? Had it been lost, was the bank playing with the money on the foreign ex-change market, would I be able to move into the apart ment and, if not, would I see my deposit again?

After several harried phon calls to the head office of Crédit Lyonnais I discovered the answer. There is no European clearing system for cheques between EC

What appears to have happened to my cheque is that Credit Lyonnais had to send it to the Royal Bank of Scotland to have it cleared. After that the Royal Bank of Scotland sends the funds to a bank in Paris with which it has clearing links and then the funds are sent to my branch of Crédit Lyonnais.

I have yet to find out what each of the three banks concerned will charge for being so helpful?

There is a way to circum vent this problem. A spokes man at Crédit Lyonnais recommended that customers ask the Paris branch to have the funds telexed directly to the London subsidiary of whichever French bank is opening the account and then the funds can be transferred within 48 hours to the branch

How going automatic benefits the modern income bond holder

By a WEEKEND MONEY REPORTER

ing to 210,000 holders of its income bonds in an attempt to persuade them to have the interest paid directly into a bank or building society

The letter, intended to be persuasive but not pushy", will aim to convince bond holders that both they and National Savings will benefit. About three quarters of

bond holders already have their monthly income paid direct into a personal account, and a previous attempt to win over the rest had some success. A third still receiving switched over, cutting National Savings' postage bill by

National Savings will have different letters to a small cross-section of bond holders to discover which has most

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NATIONAL Savings is writ- effect. The most successful automatic credit more conletter will then be sent out venient."

> with the monthly warrants. Income bonds were first issued eight years ago and because interest is paid gross. there has been an upsurge of applications since independent taxation for married women was introduced on appeal particularly to nonworking wives. Payment of one-twelfth of the annual in-

Robert Hambelton, at National Savings, said: "The payments through the post automated credit system saves us time and money. All the payments go out on one day but obviously cheques sent through the postal system, a test run by sending three even if they go first-class, take longer. Then the bond holder has to go to the bank to pay it

pay 13.5 per cent interest have the payments credited once a were withdrawn from sale in November 1988 but have an investment life of 10 years. April 6. The bonds pay 13.5 • National Savings certifiper cent annual interest and cates in the 31st issue start to reach maturity this month. with a hefty drop in interest as they fall due. The certificates, terest is made on the fifth of which guaranteed a return of 7.85 per cent over five years, were sold from September 26 1985 to November 11 1986.

In their final year, they are earning 10.14 per cent but on maturity they switch to the general extension rate. the interest rate paid by National Savings on certificates that have matured but have not been cashed in. The current in. We hope more will find rate is only 5.01 per cent.

Children protected by insurance cover for maintenance payments

CHILDREN of parents who divorce or obtain judicial separations can be protected if the court order is changed. by a new insurance policy that covers maintenance pay-

For a monthly fee, maintenance is insured against sickness, accident, disability or death. A policy can be taken out by either parent and can cover maintenance payments by wives to husbands.

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Initially it is available through solicitors who are members of Solicitors Financial and Property Service in England and Wales and Solicitors Financial Services in Scotland. Members of both groups offer financial services on matters such as mortgages, insurance and pensions.

make payments due under a court order for a minimum of £100 a month and a maxi-

mum of £1,000, with the wife would receive a lump high risks such as suicide, aids, option of varying the amount becomes expensive for older Cover is available for childparents wanting cover for ten vears or more.

ren from three to twenty years and the person insured must be not more than 56 years old and doing at least 16 hours work a week. Cover ceases at the age of 65 or if the maintenance order is term-Michael Bell, chairman of

Group has devised the divorce anisation, says: "It has been a permanent disablement of the maintenance plan in conjunc- fundamental problem for insured person, the policy will tion with Sedgwick Financial many wives to get security of cover up to 12 monthly normally be entitled to relief maintenance payments. "This does not go totally

down the road but it does provide some cover. In Britain there are 800,000 women surviving as single parents after divorce."

Payments are on a sliding scale according to age and the length of the period insured. As a typical example, a man

aged 39 with a three year old The insurance guarantees to child would pay £31.64 a month for £400 cover for 15 years. If he died after six years, leaving nine years' unpaid, his

sum of £33,700. Insurance drug and alcohol abuse, war and sports. The plan is intended to be

included in the terms of They can incur a charge equal to 10 per cent of the maintenance orders although it is available to those already maintenance payment. The divorced and paying maintenance. Under current legislaone aged up to 40 needing cover for three years, is £4 for tion, the payment of insurance premiums will not affect the each £100 insured. tax treatment of maintenance Apart from paving a lump payments but payers of Consolidated Insurance the Scottish solicitors' org- sum in cases of death or maintenance who enjoy tax relief on the payments will not

many insurances, it excludes

when the insurance company maintenance payments where the insured is off work through has to pay out. Divorces in England, Scotaccident or sickness for more than 90 days. The insured land and Wales total nearly 200,000 a year. In 70 person must return to fulltime work for six months to per cent of cases children are qualify for a further period of involved.

benefit and a maximum of 36 David Blundell of Sedgwick says: "Often there is extreme months' benefit will be paid. Mr Bell says he has asked financial hardship when husthe underwriters to look at bands are unable to keep up cases of bona fide redundancy maintenance payments. This but the cost has still to be new policy will provide security, particularly for the worked out. The policy has no children caught in surrender value and, like

Changes at junk mail watchdog THE watchdog that oversees

the sending of junk mail, has been restructured as the direct mail industry attempts to head off statutory control from Westminster and Brussels (Rodney Hobson writes).

Independent board members have been appointed to and new members from the industry have joined in the first major shake-up of the Direct Mail Standards Board since it was formed in 1983.

Among the nine people joining the board this month are Janet Graham, vice-chairsumer Council for the past three years and a member of the National Federation of Consumer Groups, Joanna Reynolds of the Consumers Association, Lady Scott, former chairman of the Scottish Consumer Council, and Professor Robert Pinker, a council member of the Advertising

Bratilities of

Standards Authority. New appointments also include Judi Anne Gehicken. director of the Direct Mail Producers Association and Ruth Naylor-Smith, chairman of the British Direct Marketing Association.

The board says: "They are also rightly concerned about the control of cowboy mailings from companies such as the well-publicised time-share promoters referred to by the Office of Fair Trading."

The board was established by the Advertising Standards Authority and the Post Office with support from the direct

mailing industry.
It says: "Legislators in y
Westminster and Brussels have questioned the self-regulatory process with reference to some direct marketing practices. The challenge for the 1990s is to demonstrate that self-regulation is effective and supported by the entire

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Direct debits ease soaring bills for policies

householders to consider paying annual charges by monthly direct debits (Rodney Hobson writes).

As Clare Hunt at Bacs, the clearing house for major banks and several building societies. says: "The average British household, already hit by crippling interest rates and the poll tax, has been confronted with another strain on its

"That is, a predicted 16 per cent rise in insurance premiums over the next year." Many bank current account holders are reluctant to pay bills by direct debit because they lose control of payments out of their own

However, while money is tight using

monthly payments instead of paying bills up front represents a method of effectively borrowing money, often at favourable interest

With insurance, life cover has traditionally been paid in monthly instalments while nonlife insurance has been on the basis of an annual premium.

Guardian Royal Exchange, for example, adds 6 per cent to premiums paid monthly. which works out at an annual percentage rate (APR) of 13.7 per cent.

A spokesman comments: "Insurance is becoming a significant bill and the option to spread over 12 months is an attractive

The charge is in line with others in the

spread the payments over ten rather than 12 Guardian Royal Exchange says this method

of payment is gaining in popularity, with nearly 40 per cent of non-life insurance now paid in instalments. Bacs says nationally ten million non-life

policies are paid through instalment schemes, the majority by direct debit. Miss Hunt says: "These schemes actually represent good value. Competition is such that

"A household or motor insurance loan generally has an annual percentage rate of less than 16 per cent, considerably less than the

the interest charged is low and represents cheap borrowing in today's market.

Some monthly payments are a straight gain for the householder. The community charge and water rates, which fall due at the start of the financial period, can normally be paid in instalments at no extra charge. However, budget payments for utilities,

while helping householders to plan their finances, are not necessarily of benefit financially, even though British Gas, the electricity companies and British Telecom do not charge for the service.

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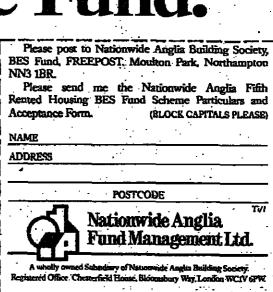
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BES comes to the aid of local authority recruitment

By Jon Ashworth

BRITAIN'S local authorities have been given a new weapon in their drive to recruit teachers and other skilled workers in short supply. Investors may also benefit from the project, which stands out in the new season of business

expansion schemes. The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea has become the first local authority in Britain to lend its name to a BES scheme. The £5 million that may be raised will be used to buy homes for teachers, engineers and planning officers who are presently in short supply due to a lack of accommo-

The Royal Borough has set a maximum of £170,000 aside towards launch costs, and has first pick of properties for its staff. Jonathan Wheeler, the mayor, said the venture would go a long way towards helping solve the housing and staffing crisis.

The shortage of suitable rented accommodation means that urgently needed key professional staff have difficulty relocating to accept offers of employment in The Royal Borough. Similar problems exist for staff aiready employed who are forced to move in order to obtain

suitable accommodation.' Of 50 homes and flats initially planned, nearly half have been set aside for teachers. The remainder will be used to house engineers and other essential staff including surveyors and accountants.

Investors have traditionally been attracted to BES schemes by the promise of higher rate tax relief and freedom from capital gains tax on any profits. How they recoup their money back after the minimum five-year term often proves difficult, since companies

either have to seek a stockmarket. firm exit route, and the associ- Airways Housing Trust and is to earn £150,000 between them flotation or find a buyer.

Kensangton and Chelsca investors may have an easier ride. The Addison Housing Association has announced its intention to make shareholders an offer in five years, probably at a price more beneficial to investors than if the properties were sold on the open market. This could be arranged because the company would not have to pay tax on disposal profits nor incur winding up costs at the

A note of warning to investors

atten has simply said that it hopes better placed to make good its to make an offer, Investors in promise. Airways Homes were given a similar indication to begin with by the Airways Housing Trust. but the runaway success of the

issues made such an exit less

Kensington and Chelsea has been prepared by the same team that devised Airways Homes and shares many of its features, but analysts say the prospect of a firm evit route seems more certain. The Addison Housing Associis that there is no such thing as 2 ation is much larger than the

gold as a protective haven.

In dollar terms, the London

gold price in August rose from

an opening \$373.25 an ounce

of Kuwaitt to touch a month's

high of \$414 an ounce on

August 21, only to fall back to

the \$385 an ounce level by

an ounce, reached its best level

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In sterling terms, London

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passed them by.

month end.

Anthony Yadgaroff of Best BES Advice said the issue appeared to be well-structured. "It is a professional issue with a very good housing association backing it. But the intention to buy investors out is not a binding option."

John Spiers of BESt Investment said the buy-back programme appeared sound, but was less happy with the number of directors on the board. "Three direcfors are more than enough, yet the issue has five directors who stand over five years."

Mr Spiers said Kensington and Chelsea was a good middle ground issue. "The real thing to be looking for in these deals is either the presence of highly motivated entrepeneurs or a guar-

anteed exit route," he added. The issue was launched this week and is due to close on October 13, if not previously oversubscribed. The minimum investment is £1,000. Investors who subscribe before October 6 may be able to carry up to £5,000

Student loans to supplement local authority grants come into play

By RICHARD IRVING

THE government-owned Student Loan Company opens its doors for the first time on

Ronald Harrison, the managing director, expects to lend about £200 million to about 500.000 students during the coming months, as the loan option is taken up.

The scheme will operate in addition to the existing local authority grants, although grants will be frozen in the future at this year's level. The grant is means-tested, so that students whose parents earn less than £11,500 a year can claim up to a maximum of £2.845, while those whose parents earning above £25,000 receive nothing.

Unlike the maintenance grant, however, any student in full-time higher education can quality for a loan.

In the first year the maximum loan will be £460 for those living in London, £420 for those living outside the capital, and £330 for those still living at home.

Students can apply for a loan once they start the new term - application forms and a certificate of eligibility will be available from the college

administrator. Mr Harrison and his team expect to be able to process each request in under three

Although the loans will not carry interest charges as such, they will be index-linked. This means that their value will increase in line with inflation, as measured by the retail period, depending on the

will, therefore, have to pay an graduation. effective interest rate of 9.8 But show



from the day the money is can be applied for. credited to the student's bank

until next August. prove successful - and with averaging about 6 per cent economists think it likely -

at lower rates in future years. The loan may be repaid over a five- to seven-year prices index each August. length of the course, with the Students taking out a loan first monthly direct debit

But should a student be

per cent on the value of the unable to find work immed- find a prospective employer loan. This rate will operate lately, a 12 month deferment willing to pay the loan off as

Those earning less than 85 account and will not change per cent of the national av- graduates is likely to be stronwage - currently But should the govern- £11,500 - can also apply for ment's anti-inflation policy deferment although in both cases, the value of the loan will City forecasts for next year be subject to adjustment for

inflation in the meantime. The government's student students could well be looking loan scheme may not be able to compete with the big banks' slick student packages, which free overdraft facility as well Jength of the course, with the as the more gimmicky coach 373220. passes and record vouchers. in the current academic year starting in the April after but it is available each and every academic year.

Sharp students may also

part of a "welcome" package. The competition for young ger by the time today's freshers are looking for jobs and big institutions may well be willing to pay off student

Personal overdrafts, on the other hand, are likely to remain just that - personal.

Potential applicants can obtain a leastet on the loan typically offer a £300 interest- scheme from most larger post offices or by telephoning 0800

> Alternatively they can seek further advice direct from the Student Loan Company on 0345 300900.

Incomes on a par with school fees

By LINENSY COOK MONEY EDITOR

FAMILY incomes have risen in line with independent school fees over the past 10 years, according to a survey published this week. Educational costs have remained static at 23 per cent of the family budget, after mortgage payments have been met, for the 12,000 clients of Eraser

Marr Financial Services. The company reported that average fees had increased by 329 per cent over the decade to give an average of £2.618 a. term now. But his per cent of mothers now work compared

with 46 per cent in 1980. The annual carnings of principal wage carners were given as £20.000 to £30.000 in 30 per cent of cases, with 79 per cent carning more than

Financial assistance from grandparents has decreased since 1980, with only 45 per cent of families reporting help with fees compared with 68 per cent ten years ago. Other relatives' help was 3 per cent compared with 13 per cent a decade ago.

Tony Murrell, managing director of Fraser Marr, said the main reason for the reduction was the abolition of all except charitable deeds of

covenant in the 1988 Budget. Many grandparents had made gifts to children that had been boosted by the Inland Revenue until Nigel Lawson had stopped new covenants

Gulf tension continues MIDDLE East tension and fears of war have put the gold price back "on alert", and rekindled investment interest in Gulf events have also led to a sharp rise in the level of enquiries about unit trusts devoted to investment in gold shares, though British investors may well wonder why the gold boat appears to have

Gold beckons as a sate

haven for investors as

Gold: price back on alert Capel Gold and General Fund

enjoyed an inflow of £2.7 million in August and saw redemptions of £1.7 million. to give it a August net inflow gold started the month at £201 of £1 million.

The paradox, however, is of£216.47 an ounce on August that British trusts are not allowed to invest directly in bullion.

£196.29 an ounce on August 28. and finished the month a While the dollar price of shade over the £203 an ounce gold has risen on world markets, the dollar has been weak The dollar holder of gold in foreign exchange markets made money in August while thereby robbing British inves-

the sterling holder missed out tors of the best of the ride. because of movements in The gold shares in which funds do invest are essentially South African issues, and Investment fascination with gold has, however, given most during August there was a of the unit trusts associated fresh wave of concern about with gold shares one of their political events in South Afbest months for some time rica that, in turn, made invesand the £56.9 million James tors and fund managers

market.

By contrast. American funds related to gold must have thought Christmas had

come early. Several American gold equity and bullion funds said sales have vaulted since August 2, the day that Iraq invaded Kuwait, with the daily rate of funds invested doubling in August and the level of customer enquiries

British investment managers continue to argue that a certain percentage of investment funds should still be invested in gold-related issues. and believe that should Gulf events turn into war then the London gold price will go higher as international investors panic.

In turn, gold shares, and therefore fund valuations, will increase.

However, if the dollar remains weak against sterling, then much of the run in the gold price will pass British investors by.

Meanwhile, seasoned hands are digging into their history books to argue that gold has a seasonal element about it, and that in the past four years those who bought gold in mid-August have found to their profit that they made money by mid-December.

Christmas 1990 may, after all, come early for fans of gold.

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Windsor in the shade as A taxing | problem doldrums hit unit trusts for small charities

INDEPENDENT taxation is likely to have an unwelcome, delayed effect on some small charities that have, so far, ignored its implications.

By BARBARA ELLIS

Next April, married women who became non-taxpayers this year, due to the personal allowance granted under the new system, will start to receive demands for tax on charity covenants.

This is because taxpayers can make regular, agreed payments to charities net of the theoretical amount of basic rate tax they have paid on the money. The charities can then reclaim the tax from the Inland Revenue. But as nontaxpayers have not paid any tax, the Revenue will reclaim the amount it refunds to the charity from the covenant

The Save the Children Fund told its covenanters in April of the change. Oxfam receives about £9 million of its total £60 million income in covenants and bankers orders. and alerted its covenant holders in March, Joe Saxton, of Oxfam, said the reaction from people paying covenants to several charities seemed to show that few were well prepared for the tax change.

This was borne out by the experience of a reader who has been trying unsuccessfully for some months to obtain information from the charity to which she pays covenanted donations. She found this particularly galling as the charity's work is focused on precisely the group of older married women most likely to have become non-taxpayers in

WHILE the dismal performance of unit trusts over the past year has largely followed that of the underlying stock markets, it has also revealed weaknesses in the performance of at least one invest-

ment management company. Windsor Trust Managers is shell company, having sold responsibility for the manage ment of its 12 unit trusts in July. Nevertheless, two of the unit trusts it founded and ran are languishing among the worst 20 performers from all 1,300 British unit trusts.

The Windsor Smaller Companies Trust was the worst performing unit trust in the year to September 1, according to Finstat, the performance measurer. The trust has lost 60 per cent of its value, and held such companies as Benlox, now susended, and Parkfield, which is in receivership.

Windsor's other unit trust in the bottom 20 was the Convertible and Equity, which lost 44 per cent of its

Stephen Dowds, head of international equities at Capital House Investment Management, which has bought the trusts, finds the underperformance surprising because the convertibles in the fund should have helped it outperform most British

However, the fund management team was only four strong, including David Lis, Windsor's managing director, and had to handle 12 diverse

There is a stark contrast between the performance of Japanese funds over the last year. While the Schroder Ja-

pan Smaller Companies and tiples. And larger Japanese companies' shares should perthe NM Japanese Smaller form better as Japanese intwo performers, larger Japateresi rates fall."

High interest rates worldnese unit trusts are among the wide have ensured that cash worst. Ed Merner runs the Schroder fund and ran the and gilt unit trusts are among NM fund until April I this the best performers this year. year. He has worked for Both Whittingdale and Fidel-Schroder in Tokyo since 1974

ity have cash funds in the top 20, which have shown returns of 15 per cent gross and 11 per

cent respectively. The Whittingdale Gilts Trusts stand out as high performers, with two showing returns of about 8.5 per cent. Jon Bailie a director of Whittingdale Unit Trust Management, said the company had a more "positive" style of management than most gilt managers. It takes a view on the direction of interest rates and invests accordingly. Many gilts managers just buy a spread of gilts and hold them

to maturity. Over the past five years Australian unit trusts have performed worst MIM Britannia's Australian growth is near the bottom of the pile after having a large investment in small Australian gold-

mining companies. John Payne, a fund manager, said the 1987 stock market crash "blew the fund out of the water". Some of the smaller gold companies never

The two best performers over five years are still the two Japanese smaller companies trusts managed by Mr Merner.



Huge loss: David Lis, Windsor's managing director

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cent in the last year, and the

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Denis Clough, who man-

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John Baker, travel manager

of Bishopsgate, Lunn Poly's insurer, said the exclusion clause would be used purely "We couldn't make the inrespect of any claim arising sured person responsible for anyone travelling with them." He added that Bishopsgate would not invalidate a claim if an insured person's relative

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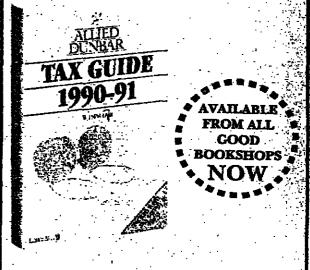
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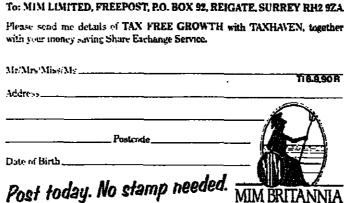
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WEEKEND MONEY

Old-fashioned service needed

From Dr Jack Hoppe

Sir, I have been a customer, albeit a small one, of one of our major banks for 40 years. Throughout this time the bank has carried out financial transactions on my behalf including many involving National Savings Certificates.

Thus I was somewhat perturbed when I visited the bank on August 31 to learn that they no longer provided a service to customers which involved National Savings Certificates. I was informed that I should remove the relevant certificates from the bank and carry out the transactions myself. They could not provide the necessary forms and referred me to a post office.

I am quite aware of the mechanism for the encashment and reinvestment of National Savings Certificates, but oh for a return to the caring personal service given

by the bank in former times. Surely technological advance should be an aid and a spur to an improved face to face service and not a deterrent. Or is it that the banks are no longer interested in small customers other than to in-



duce them to borrow money of the slick-suited, smooth but by advertising means both very fast-talking, pushy young "with-it" managers who do little to instil any confidence unsolicited and unwelcomed? Perhaps banks should rethink their attitudes to the in the customer other than small customer — a little less that they are clearly looking to emphasis on selling, a little the next step in their career. more emphasis on service. It Yours faithfully,

could be that we need a few JACK HOPPÉ, more "old-fashioned", caring and beloful managers who 5 Hazlitt Drive, generate an aura of reliability and experience and a few less

Dealing in small

parcels of shares From Mr James Hodsman. Sir. From time to time your error by a bank I have financial columns make ref. received, unenclosed, an unerence to the difficulties faced signed credit card (presumby the private investor in ably a renewal) intended for

seeking to deal efficiently The reader could be forsmall size of his holdings I hope the account holder is which makes his business duly grateful.

unattractive to the stock market, but I think my own however, what a damned experience demonstrates cheek these finance com-

In selling a parcel of 2.000 shares in a medium-sized



public company 1 received some 10 per cent less than the nublicly agoted price (which incidentally, was particu stable over the period in

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question). The broker's explanation was that the quoted rate was available for 1,000 shares but that the market-maker insisted on a lower price to cover

the risk of the larger deal. I must say it came as a surprise to me that the mighty City of London is over-awed by a £6,000 transaction. Yours faithfully, JAMES R. HODSMAN. 32 Fulford Park.

North Yorkshire.

Rewards for halting credit card abuse From Mr A.G. Smith

Sir, Owing to a simple clerical another. As requested by the issuer. I have defaced it and given for thinking that it is the returned it to them; for which

> panies have to expect members of the general public to expend time, effort and the costs of telephone calls and letters in putting right their introduced a reward system so that card misuse can be discouraged. A token payment

many cards that "go missing" or get "misused" after being sold-on in the pub for a few pounds, would in fact be returned to them without incurring losses.

I suppose insurance is cheaper, but why don't their insurers insist on such a Yours sincerely,

ALAN G. SMITH, 68 Denmead House, Highcliffe Drive, SW15.

☐ According to the Banking Information Service some banks do make awards to members of the public in these problems. It is time they circumstances. Most credit card issuers also offer rewards to sales staff and bank staff who retain cards that have would probably ensure that been reported stolen.

the amount of risky business

they can undertake. If a small

society were in financial trouble it is more likely that a large

society would take it over than

let it go to the wall.

Building societies and funds at risk strict limits placed on them on

From Miss J. Neenan Sir, I would be grateful for some advice. Is there any way that building society savings are at risk? Is there any way that such an institution can "go out of business" and an investor's money lost? Yours sincerely,

NEENAN, Wood Green, Wednesbury, West Midlands.

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From Mr W. 1. Weir Sir. British Telecom advise me that they will no longer accept budget account pay-

ments by standing order after the end of September, but only payments by direct debit. One only has to read your columns for arguments

against paying by direct debit. Surely this is gross interference in the relationships between me and my bankers; What is it to do with British Telecom whether I instruct my bankers to pay on individual occasions by cheque, or whether I save my memory by giving them a standing order? I would be interested to know how many of your readers agree with me. Yours faithfully. ALASTAIR WEIR.

Menace of debits

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From J. Roberts Sir. Direct debits for bills which fluctuate in amount, for example gas, electricity and telephone are a menace.

The companies always overestimated what I would spend and I could not get them to reduce the figures despite repeated telephone calls and letters.

I ended up in credit to British Gas for £150! Finally, desperation. I cancelled them but even that was not the

end of the story.
The bank (Barclays) continued to pay them and when I queried this I was told that the companies had changed the number I was paying on and it was up to me to get in touch with them and it was nothing to do with the bank!

So beware - joint incom-petence can give rise to a costly situation. Yours faithfully. I ROBERTS,

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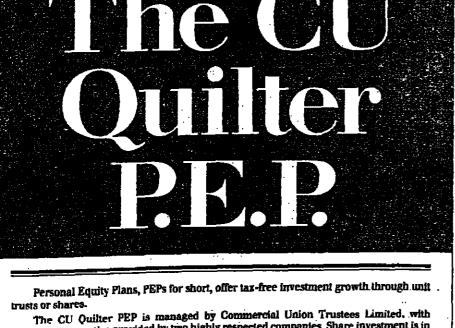
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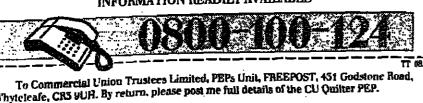
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WEEKEND MONEY

woman who thought she had taken out a personal A nad taken out a pointh at pension of £200 a month at the beginning of April, discovered this week that none of the payments had been taken from her bank account by direct debit

as agreed. The policy was simply

not in operation. She asked the accountant who had arranged the pension plan for an explanation. He said it was a real problem: those investment companies who could set up such a pension plan quickly were not good bets. Their investment records left a lot to be desired.

On the other hand, he said. those he could recommend as being a good investment had a long backlog of cases. Industry spokesmen did not disagree with his summary of the situation.

The woman is worried about the possible loss of tax relief on her pensions premiums if they continue not to be made. She is also anxious that she has enough money in her account to cover all the premiums now owed. One day all those premiums will be called in at once and she must keep a record of missed or uncollected payments so that on the

day her investment company decides to exercise the direct debit mandate, there are sufficient funds to cover the total.

Norwich Union admits it has ongoing problems with personal pensions administration. Two years ago, over two-thirds of its business involved endowment policies or other mortgagerelated business. Only a quarter of its turnover was connected with pensions. In the last two years, the positions of the two sectors have been reversed. Personal pensions have outstripped the best projections to take over the bulk of the company's business. New staff have been trained as fast as possible, but still not quickly

enough to cope with the backlog.

A spokesman for Norwich Union says the pensions side of the business continues "at a vast level". The increased interest stemmed from the introduction of personal pension plans in the summer of 1988. This was fol-

COMMENT

Pensions house needs order

LINDSAY COOK WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

lowed in April by the government deadline for employees to leave the State Earnings Related Pensions Scheme and receive the maximum bonus. Millions of employees opted for the money.

Norwich Union says the rush caused the first administration problems. Eighteen months later, Norwich Union continues with this complacent line. It claims policyholders will not suffer because of the administrative problems. When a policy finally goes ahead, it says, investment will be allocated as if all the premiums had been made on their due dates.

Norwich Union claims it is "in most part losing a little on each

policy". Where markets had been in decline, the loss was less. If someone were to have problems. with the Inland Revenue because of the delays, the company would look into the possibility of compensation. A spokesman said: "We have got to put our house in order." He is right. There is no excuse for delay.

One stop

t looks like the end of the line for the Unit Trust Ombudsman scheme, two months after the largest unit trust group, M&G, confirmed it would no longer continue its support.

Perpetual says it will also leave the scheme. Two other large groups, Save and Prosper and Kleinwort Benson, are poised to follow.

The problem for the large groups has been the high cost of running the Unit Trust Ombudsman's office in the two years it has been in operation.

From the consumer's point of view, there are also grounds for grievance. Few complaints have actually reached the Unit Trust Ombudsman, Adrian Parsons. But this does not mean that the Unit Trust industry is blameless. Far from it. The reason is the sheer complexity of the complaints procedure.

First, there is the Insurance Ombudsman who deals with complaints about insurance companies. Many insurance companies sell unit trusts.

Then there is the Investment Referee, who deals with complaints about brokers and members of Investment Manage-

ment Regulatory Organisation (Imro). Many members of Imro are unit trust companies.

And then there is the Unit Trust Ombudsman, whose brief is to investigate maladministration of unit trusts. His office is often bypassed by the other two watchdog bodies.

Only 60 unit trust groups out of the 160 management companies selling unit trusts are members of the Unit Trust Ombudsman scheme. With large groups like M&G deciding to leave, the whole scheme is now in jeopardy.

Finally, investors can seek help with complaints about investment companies directly from the self-regulatory organisations.

This is the ideal opportunity to scrap the present complex system of multiple justice and substitute a proper complaints procedure

for all types of investment. It is not sensible that customers should first have to decide who is at fault.

When maladministration occurs, the customer should look to a single ombudsman for the entire investment industry, and be sure that justice will be done.

after holiday firm fails

THE collapse of Vacances, the directly by credit card. Under far as the agent and the credit unbonded tour operator that the Consumer Credit Act card company are concerned. specialised in holidays in (1974), they should be able to French gites, has driven home claim full compensation from an order form from a brothe dangers of paying for their credit card issuer. In chure, they are unlikely to acholidays in cash. But even simple terms, credit card com-cept liability. But if tickets paying by credit card may not panies become responsible for have been enough to prevent a supplier of services that fails financial loss, as some to deliver the goods, where at Vacances customers have least £100 is involved. discovered to their cost.

As the company passed into could expect little back for their money. Dennis Cross, of amends. KPMG Peat Marwick McLinan overdraft of £54,000, apply would take the lion's share of

the few assets that remain. More than 300 holidaymakers caught up in the crash £600 on average, although a tor, to recover some of their duty to their customers." losses. But he now claims to be

customers who paid Vacances breach of contract - at least as

Since Vacances failed to keep its side of the bargain, provisional liquidation this Barclaycard, Visa, Access or week, creditors were told they any other credit card used should be prepared to make

Customers who paid using meeting in Cambridge, said so fortunate, since the conthat massive debts, including sumer credit rules do not

technically refuse to pay compensation to customers who took out a card before 1977, may lose between £400 and since it was only then that the relevant legislation became few paid as much as £2,500 for effective. "It only strictly aptheir summer breaks. Those plies to agreements signed af-who paid in cash should write ter 1977," said Carolyn Brock, off their losses, since the a barrister with the Con-company has no money with sumers' Association. "This is which to pay them. Their only not something which has been alternative would be to take tested in the courts, but we Chapple, the Vacances direc- card companies have a moral Also to face difficulties are

have not revealed any extra who arranged their holiday For even if they paid by credit cessed or had been paid. card, there may have been no

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consumer credit legislation, many credit card issuers have developed rules of their own to give customers extra security. Visa or Mastercard, for tock, who was appointed pro- charge cards such as American instance, may be prepared to visional liquidator at a Express or Diners Club are not reimburse customers who spent less than £100. Barclaycard has already set-

tled several Vacances claims Credit card companies may in full, and is urging customers who lost money to write to them, rather than telephone, including as much evidence as possible to support their case. People who want to claim should write to the address on their credit card statement, including receipts, booking forms and any other evidence," Barclaycard said.
Some creditors claim to

have run into difficulties with legal action against Ian would argue that all credit their credit card companies over the collapse. But the main issuers report few problems. Lloyds Access said it penniless, and early enquiries those Vacances customers was not aware of any problems, while Midland said through a local travel agent. claims were either being pro

JON ASHWORTH

Cash customers lose out Savers applying for gross interest to be warned of tax investigation

By LINDSAY COOK

MONEY EDITOR SAVERS who apply to have interest paid gross when composite rate tax (CRT) is scrapped next year are to be warned on the application form that their records may be subject to investigation by the Inland Revenue.

The strongly-worded warning was the final stumbling block in the negotiations between the Inland Revenue and the banks and building societies on the self-certification form for non-taxpayers.

The savings institutions felt it should be prominently displayed on the form while the Inland Revenue favoured a more discreet reference to possible checks in the accompanying leaflet.

The institutions were keen that savers know what outside scrutiny their financial affairs might come under if they signed the forms and this was agreed this week.

They hope that they might have reduced the scope of such enquiries though. Originally, it was intended that the Inland Revenue should be able to investigate any accounts and associated records relating to a non-taxpayer.

And if one of the accounts Revenue wanted to investigate all the accounts of the other person.

Now the Inland Revenue is on the point of accepting that only the records of people who have self-certified themselves as non-taxpayers should come under scrutiny and that joint accounts will not be searched for evidence of higher earnings where only one of the account holders is self-

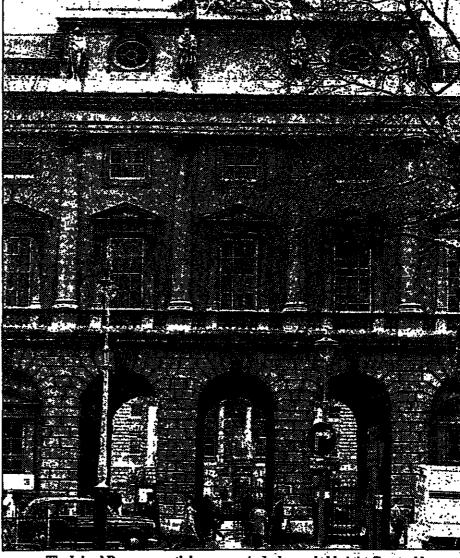
certified. The Revenue has also assured the banks and building societies that there are no sinister implications in the draft regulations that have been issued on investigating accounts. The regulations ailow the Inland Revenue to look at all accounts.

A spokesman for the Inland Revenue said that the regulations were "widely drawn" but that the "sole purpose was to audit gross-paying accounts". The financial institutions

are wary. They know that the maximum gain to a taxpayer in declaring themselves a nontaxpayer to obtain gross interest would be about £750 a

One bank executive said: "The cost of investigating gross-paid accounts cannot be justified by the occasional loss of £750 to the Revenue. We feel that they will be looking at accounts and seeking also to find evidence of other undeclared income.

Taxpayers could find more information being supplied to the Inland Revenue about their savings than at present as a result of the abolition of CRT. Currently building societies detail interest earned by all individuals who receive available from all banks, more than £1,400 a year and building societies, libraries, eties will be expected to keep paid on April 6 and the form is



The Inland Revenue scrutinises savers tocked away behind the Courtantel Institute Galleries' new home at London's Somerset House.

earned above £500.

The Inland Revenue wants to bring the two into line and would like to receive details of all interest paid on all act the forms and earn interest counts, but talks are continuing on this issue because of the cost implications of providing the information.

The Revenue has told banks and building society that it wants these records to divide interest for joint accounts and to provide full information on children's accounts. This will cause difficulties for the sys-tems of the institutions which do not currently divide the interest on joint accounts and may not have addresses for children if an account is taken out by a grandparent or other

Many savers may be nervous about the certification because of the invasive powers of the Revenue which will the details of cash flowing into and out of an account but also to notes made at interviews for loan applications or other

The forms and explanatory leaflets should be printed in the next few weeks by the Inland Revenue and will be

and post offices, and may even be inserted in magazines.

About 14 million savers with about 35 million accounts will be eligible to sign may be able to claim back part or all of the tax deducted from their savings at the end of the tax year when it becomes clear how much of their savings

income should escape tax. It will be very difficult for many people to state categorically early in December, when the forms first become available, that they will not earn enough in the year between April 6 1991, and April 5 1992, to make them taxpayers: The tax allowances that dictate the amount people can earn before they pay tax will not be fixed for 1991-2 until

the Budget in March. Interest rates are high now and may be into the beginning of the next tax year, but they are widely predicted to fall in the run up to a general. election.

This makes it very difficult for anyone whose income is nearing the current tax allowances to work out whether agreed to allow retrospective they will be under or over next year's allowance.

customer records, but customers will not be given a

The forms will have one box on which to enter the account number, but if a person has more than one account at the same branch of a bank or building society they can put all the details on one form. Those non-taxpavers who have worked in the past three years will be expected to include their national insurance number on the form, but others will not have to

provide the number. Interest will then be paid gross during the next tax year with a further declaration being required each subsequent tax year. If earnings rise above the tax thresholdafter signing the declaration the onus will be on the investors to inform the building society or bank straight-

Those savers who are late completing the self-certification forms may still be able to obtain gross interest from their bank or building society. The Inland Revenue had payments but will not compel institutions to provide them. Banks and building soci- This means that if interest is

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interest would already have been paid net of basic rate tax, Normally the investor would have to wait until the end of the tax year and then claim back the tax. If an institution offers

retrospection then the deducted tax will be credited to the account as soon as the certificate has been processed. . Keith Flint, at the Abbey National, who leads the bank's special team on CRT, said: The Inland Revenue is encouraging us to do it so they of claims at the end of the tax year. It will also avoid crazy

before interest payments are The Inland Revenue will allow joint accounts to be held by a tax-exempted and a taxpaying partner, but will not compel institutions to let couples do this. It will be up to the bank or building societies rules whether they will be able

rushes into branches the day

to operate in this way. Generally, building societies will find it easier to offer such facilities whereas banks are concerned that by allocating interest in equal part they will be signifying a trust that entitles each partner to half

the account and no more. "mixed" couples to retain a joint account it will be better for them financially. The nontaxpayer will not have to wait until the end of the year to claim back any tax paid. Splitting the money into two accounts could put them both in lower interest rate bands and cause difficulties if one

partner dies. Parents and guardians will have to fill out forms for exemption for children under 16. Any money from parents must produce less than £100 interest a year if it is to be exempted from tax, but there is no limit on money from other people, other than the child's tax allowance. As soon as a child is 16 he or she will have to sign a self-certification

Tony Surridge, the senior manager at National Westminster Bank who is CRT project leader, said that the forms had been designed to be as simple as possible but that the circumstances of many savers were not straightforward. He hopes that customers will fill in the forms

"We would like them all in place by April 6. It could take three to four months to load the information on to the computers.

"We cannot build a system until every detail is sorted

Savers will be required to declare that they believe they will not be taxpayers in the year from April 6 in order to obtain interest paid gross. When CRT is scrapped all other savers will have basic rate tax deducted at 25 per cent instead of CRT which is

SIB pursues £3m placed in high interest fund

The Securities and Investments Board (SIB) is trying to trace money placed in a high interest fund guaranteeing to pay 30 per cent a year. Up to £3 million is thought to have been invested in the fund by 100 people. It was said to invest in Eurobonds and was based in Europe.

SIB's investigation follows the compulsory winding up of a Belfast investment firm this week in the High Court. The action against Edward J McCann Brokers of Portadown, County Armagh, and Edward John James McCann and Imelda McCann arose after complaints by investors to the Financial Intermediaries Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra).

The brokers, which operated from

premises at Mandeville Street, Portadown: Bulloch House, Linenhall Street, Belfast; and Texaco House, Ballsbridge, Dublin was suspended by Fimbra on July 25.

The Belfast High Court, in addition to appointing Eric Bell, of BDO Binder Hamlyn, provisional liquidator, also placed injunctions upon Mr and Mrs McCann restraining them from conducting investment business and preventing the disposal of any assets.

The firm, which had a sales team of 12. was authorised to sell unit trusts, pensions and life assurance.

The regulators have found no trace of the offshore money and are unclear how much was invested because some investors have been reluctant to come

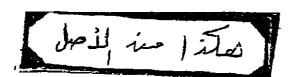
being hampered by lack of cooperation from Mr McCann and inadequate records at the firm.

Last month a warrant was issued for the first time under the Financial Services Act to allow Fimbra to search the broker's business premises. The investigators were concerned by the "absence of records" when they undertook the search.

• Fimbra this week terminated the membership of nine firms and revoked their authorisation to carry on investment business. Four suspensions follow disciplinary hearings. Grangestead Finance of Commarket Street, Oxford, and Investment Planning Services of Harehills Lane, Leeds, had repeatedly failed to re-

spond to correspondence from Fimbra on matters including financial returns. No derails were given on the disciplinary proceedings against Kunal Agencies of Old Wool Lane, Cheadle Hulme, Chesire, or David F. Dormer Financial Services of Park Lane, Tilehurst, Reading.

Pembridge Investment Manage ment of Hanover Street, London W1, had ceased to employ or engage any registered individuals. Equity and General Finance of Cheval Place. Knightsbridge, London, had been declared insolvent and placed in administrative receivership and Sterling Finance of Western Road, Hove. Sussex, had failed to respond to correspondence and pay fees. Three other firms failed to pay fees.



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By CAROL LEONARD

he late Sir Charles Clore, founder of Sears, the Selfridges to Mappin & Webb and British Shoe Corporation conglomerate, once told Geoffrey Maitland Smith, its present chairman, that if an accountant ever became chairman of a company the first thing you

should do is sell its shares. Maitland Smith, hand-picked by Clore, is a chartered account-

"He said it with a twinkle in his eye," Maitland Smith adds. "But I knew what he meant. He meant that it would be too safe. He would certainly take more risks than I would. But if we had done half the things he suggested, the company would have gone bust years ago."
Cynical retailing analysts in the

City will smile at Clore's words. Given the benefit of hindsight they would be inclined to agree. Sears shares have performed badly. Maitland Smith would be the first to accept that the company's stock market valuation is too low. It is capitalised at £1.4 billion, making it the fourth largest retailing group in Britain, after Marks and Spencer, Boots and Kingfisher. It has 4,004 retail outlets— 1,000 of them concessions — in 740 towns. But according to some calculations, Sears break up value is closer to £2.3 billion.

"He is a terribly nice man, very

charming, but as a businessman he is seriously unimpressive," says one retail analyst. "He doesn't know a lot about retailing, he sometimes comes out with the most ludicrous statements and people are slightly puzzled by him. They don't know what to make of

"He is chubby and complasays another. "Full of homespun wisdom. He talks a great deal but does little. He looks like Noel Coward. You can just imagine him in a smoking jacket with a cigarette and playing bridge. He ought to be a knight. Sir Geoffrey sounds so right. But he's not. It is probably a bone of con-

He and Michael Pickard, the Sears chief executive, are apparently known as tweedle dum and tweedle dee in the trade.

But Maitland Smith, 6ft lins tall and with almost military bearing, is anything but chubby. He does have a vaguely aristocratic air and he is certainly charming. But what none of his City followers acknowledge is his humility. Probably because he keeps it so well hidden. To reveal it more freely would, he argues, be a sign of

Maitland Smith is a difficult man to understand. He is the sort of man who takes many years to really know. "I don't have that many real friends," he says. And I'm not an extrovert. I go to parties but I don't really look forward to them. But be careful how you write that, won't you." If he has to speak in public he will, he says, worry about it for six weeks beforehand. Hardly the

admission of a complacent man. Upon closer acquaintance he could be mistaken for shy. There may be an element of that. He is not quite sure, when you ask him. But a more accurate analysis is probably that it is his deep-scated and rigorous self-discipline that keeps so much of his inner soul so painstakingly concealed.

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When discussing his close per-sonal friends he is appalled by my suggestion that they might be the sort of people he would turn to if ever faced with a domestic crisis. "That would mean a shoulder to cry on - I would never cry on someone's shoulder." Why not? "It would be a sign of weakness," he replies, as if stating the obvious. But when his father, a career civil servant, died last year, he admits, somewhat reluctantly, that he did

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Geoffrey Maitland Smith

Cry on his wife's shoulder. "That surprised me. Because I didn't know that I could cry. I think crying is a shortcoming

In response to his critics in the City, Maitland Smith argues that although the analysts - "who couldn't even run a sweet shop" -might complain, he has heard no such dissent from the 35 institutional or corporate shareholders (the Fayeds own 11 per cent) who speak for 50 per cent of Sears

He admits that the company has pressing problems with British Shoe Corporation - 25 per cent of all shoes now sold in Britain are retailers, Horne Brothers and Fosters, "but we are doing something it. And I'm confident that within a period of time we will get it right." Analysts in the City would argue that he has been too slow to take such action and may have left it too late.

But although he might be slow to take action, he stands up well to comparisons with some of the high profile retailers of the Eighties, such as George Davies, Sir Ralph Haipern, Sir Terence Conran and Sir Philip Harris.

"Over the years the press have pointed to people like Halpern and Conran and said "Why can't you do it like that? I used to look at them in wonderment. Shops that were magic to look at, using the best shop-fitters and designers, but had no life. They were so fashionable and brilliant that they could not last long.

"Of course I felt apprehensive at times, because we weren't going that way. But I knew that I would have to write such expenditure off over three years, instead of over ten years like normal. Yet they thought they could still write it off over ten years." But their demise does not, he says, "give me any

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M&S moves, or if a bus stop moves. You must be flexible. But if you've spent all that money on a brilliantly designed shop, you can't suddenly uproot it."

Perhaps that traditional caution instilled in the accountancy profession has paid dividends after

"I do not think it is right to go for a quick buck. For short term improvement. I do not want to sell the family silver. You invest in a company because it is a safe haven, because you want im-proved earnings and dividends. In the end the proof is in earnings per share and dividends. Somewhere down the line there's a pension fund to be paid."

But those disgruntled analysts in the City claim that Sears hides its poor profit performance behind

generous dividend policy.

They also speculate about the relationship between Maitland Smith and Pickard. Both men are 57, which could leave the company with a succession problem.
"We have dinner occasionally,

but we don't do a lot together

retailer is to be able to move if

amount of argument. Of course there are times when we disagree, but we resolve it by arguing it through. People might get worried if they saw us. But it doesn't get heated. If one of us weren't happy with the outcome, we would seethe privately, I think."

ceived as being that of the strategist, while Pickard is more the hands on man manager. But when asked to define his job more specifically, Maitland Smith replies: "That is a very difficult question to answer. I do everything. I'm the chairman."

He claims that he does not care

The other thing Sears' followers always allude to, when you mention the name of Geoffrey Maitland Smith, is his unfailing ability to seek out the company of pretty women. He has been married three times, although he tries to avoid revealing that fact. "To me it represents a failure," Maitland Smith says. He omits any reference to his wives or children in his entry in Who's Who.

and four boys, with ages ranging from 16 to 34. Four of them are from his first marriage and two from his second. He met his first wife when he was articled to an accountancy firm in the Strand. "She was working in an artist's



socially," Maitland Smith begins. "There's the right amount of abrasiveness between us, the right

Maitland Smith's role is per-

what the analysis think and he insists that he does take risks. "I enjoy taking risks, I'm at my happiest when I'm doing a deal, but I am also cautious. If someone has a good idea and wants to open restrict us to three or four before we roll it out further. Some people might criticise me for that. For not doing more, sooner. But I do not throw money around. I'm the sort of person who always switches the lights off. And I don't believe in getting ten out of ten. I'm quite happy if we can achieve seven out

He has six children, two girls

studio." It was the hour-long commute from their home in Essex which caused the break up.

"I'm terribly impatient. I get dreadfully frustrated when I'm stuck in traffic. We now have a town house just off Albany, near Regents Park. A five-minute commute is quite enough for me." His second wife was Italian.

The reason I speak so slowly is partly because so many thoughts are whizzing around in my head, and partly because her English was so bad that I had to speak like this to her all the time." There is, he savs, no bitterness between him and his previous wives.

He met his present wife, Lucy, 18 years his junior, when she applied for a job as a temporary receptionist at the Sears head office in Duke Street. "It was very definitely love at first sight. I can still remember the strange feeling I had the first time I saw her. I remember thinking 'I could never

nice as that'. And it was mutual. She went home to her mother after her first day and said that she wouldn't be able to take the job because she knew that something would happen between us. She did not even know that I was already

married at the time." But Lucy did take the job and something did happen. They married in 1986. "But as soon as we realised that our relationship was serious, she left the firm." Maitland Smith adds.

very busy looking after our two Burmese cats," he says. Every Friday morning she drives to their country retreat in Leicestershire. with the cats, and he joins her in the evening. "She always meets me at Kettering station and on Sundays we make the same journey in reverse, but together.'

They are clearly at their happiest when they are allowed to be creatures of habit. They go out to two or three nights a week. Each outing is organised like clockwork. 'I like things that work well and efficiently. Lucy is exactly the same. She is the sort of girl who is ready to go out within five minutes. But she is much more emotional than I am.

But for someone who admits

that he now lives his life by neatly

compartmentalising it - and who

is proud of being chairman of the

council of his old school, Univer-

sity College School, Hampstead -

Lucy no longer works, "She is

he reveals an entirely different side to his character when he talks about his school days. "I was dreadfully naughty. And although I got my matriculation, I was not an academic, not a scholar, I was more technically minded. When I was 17 the headmaster said [ought to leave, to become an accountant, because he thought I

was commercially minded." He used to make valve radios and sell them to the masters. He used in the manufacture of the radios - round the classroom so that a master, as he paced up and down, became ensuared. "I got the cane for that." The one phrase that regularly cropped up on his school reports was: "He can do better."

And in his days as a partner at Grant Thornton he became, for a while. Paul McCartney's financial adviser, over-seeing the legal break up of the Beatles. He looks an unlikely man for the job.

But whether his City critics think he is the right man to be the chairman of Sears. Maitland Smith clearly enjoys it. "I love being able to influence things. It's a form of power. And I hate holidays. After three or four days I want to come back. I like to think I'm indispensable, I suppose,

"People often say that I'm immutable, very wry, that nothing flaps me. That's true if you look at me. But it's not true on the inside. There is a very different man in

Corporate warriors go over the top

THE behaviour of Japan's workforce appears to be baffling even
the Japanese. A labour ministry report has found that workers still feel poor and say they have to live frugally even though the nation is rich. But bureaucrats at the nearby health and welfare ministry say the workaholic Japanese have only themselves to blame.

The health ministry has published a 38-page guide to explain to Japan's corporate warriors how to relax, how to stop treating the prospect of more time off as a threat, and how to have fun. The idea that anyone might need such guidance from their own government makes easy-going Italians in Tokyo shake their heads with

The government's latest annual labour report found that 84.8 per cent of Japanese workers thought Japan was economically powerful, but less than half felt affluent. They complained of little free time, of long working hours and stingy holidays, of soaring land and house prices and of a widening gulf between rich and poor an awkward novelty in a society in which most people like to think of themselves as middle class.

The report said Japanese workers spent an average of 2,189 hours at the office or factory a year, between 230 and 550 hours more than their counterparts in America, Britain, West Germany and France. Only 30 per cent of Japanese work a five-day week, even though the government has been pressing employers to give their staff Saturdays off. Workers on average took only half of the

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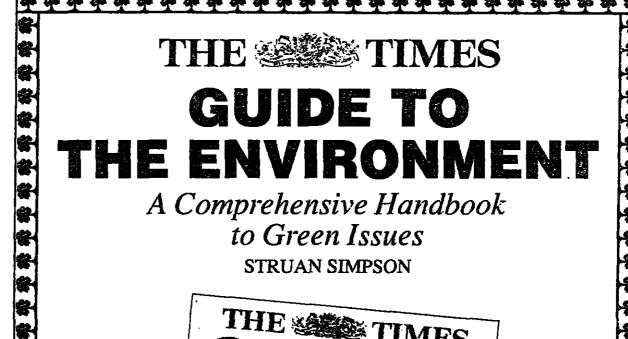
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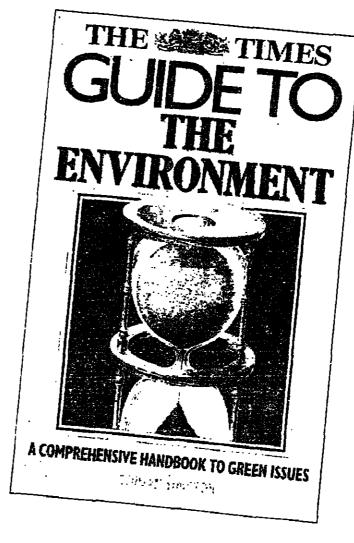
Civil servants at the health and welfare ministry say the problem is that the Japanese just do not know how to take it easy. Many older people still think the country is struggling to rebuild itself from the rubble of the second world war and have convinced themselves that any slacking will return the country to poverty overnight. The ministry is warning workers that constant overtime eats into their sleep, hurts the quality of their work and will lead to fatigue and

"Go to bed early and get up early, always eat breakfast, forget about the job after hours and eat dinner with your family." it advises. Most office workers still spend most of their evenings drinking and eating with colleagues or business contacts.
Undaunted by the odds stacked

against it, the ministry is also trying to persuade the Japanese not to go on holiday, often to the same place, all at the same time. This puts a strain on Japan's already overcrowded airports, trains and motorways and frays everyone's nerves. It is also urging holidaymakers to take their foreign vacations at a leisurely pace rather than visiting every tourist site and boutique in Europe in five days. Get away from the office for a few weeks rather than just a few days, say the men at the ministry.

But the government booklet is unlikely to win round the millions of Japanese who think that taking time off is at best rather gloomy, at worst a sin. Wives complain that when their husbands somehow find themselves at home on a Sunday they do not have a clue how to spend their free time. Some men feel at such a loose end at





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Under the terms of the merger Louth investors will be paid a bonus of 0.85 per cent in early December and borrowers will have their mortgage interest reduced by 0.25 per cent for 12 months. B&B took over the Sheffield Building Society earlier this year.

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'Intelligent' cards are finding their niche in a future walletless world

Cash: the microchips are down

Neil Bennett visits a country club where members are testing out the most advanced 'smart' cards

THE Dallington Country Club in Northampton is an unlikely vision of the future. The host to Britain's most ambitious smart card project is a rambling mock-tudor mansion, complete with gravel drive, wood panelled billiards hall and squash court extention.

But 18 months ago, Dallington's 2,000 aerobics freaks, body builders and squash heroes became guinea pigs in Britain's most advanced smart card experiment. courtesy of Bull HN, the French computer group, and Barclays

Once members were quite happy booking squash courts in the receptionist's diary and paying for it with old-fashioned cash. Now they cannot afford to be parted from their high-tech walletcum-personal organiser from the moment they arrive.

Every member carries a smart card, the same size and weight as a normal credit card. But underneath a gold spot in the centre is a 24 kilobit silicon chip, with the power and versatility of the early home computers sold by BBC and Amstrad only 11 years ago. A typical magnetic stripe card can carry a maximum of 45 words of information. A smart card can hold several pages.

Like the club, its members seem blissfully unaware that they are on the leading edge of technology.

"When we started, about 5 per cent objected to the card," said Robin Townend, the project manager. "and about 5 per cent were really keen. Most just didn't seem to mind.

The cards have 11 functions, the most of any smart card system in use in the world - but their main use is to book squash courts. Members go to reception to store money on their cards and then slot it into the nearest terminal.

This gives them a list of available times in the next two weeks. The card books the court, debits the £1.60 fee and records the playing time. It even runs a bonus point system, where the holder qualifies for a free court

after paying for six. spent in the bar, the cafe and the sports shop. The club's younger members have also discovered it can be used to store the winnings from the fruit machine, safe from prying hands and parental know-

Its uses stretch to the neon-lit gym. There, an instructor can fill the card with the results of a

fitness test with the help an array of sinister apparatus. The card details, which can be accessed by an authorised club staff member.

The official experiment at Dallington ended earlier this year. in a survey, Barciays found that 5 per cent of the members had stopped carrying cash into the club, while almost a third were taking less in. Almost half liked the ability to load cash on to the card and use it as an electronic

success, but is now puzzling over what it can do to transform the smart card into a commercial proposition. Satisfying 2,000 squash players is one thing, but finding a profitable reason to issue smart cards to Barclaycard's nine million members at ten times the cost of the traditional magnetic system is a universe away.

Mr Townend sighs when he hears the card being called a solution searching for a problem.
"We are positive this is the next
generation of financial transaction cards. As competition between card issuers increases it will be

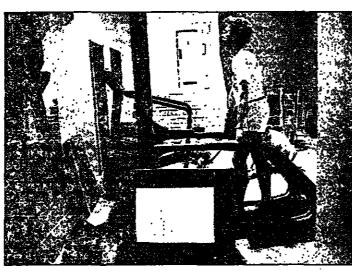
used for value-added services."

He sees, for example, smart cards being used for electronic coupon collecting. Each time the owner buys a can of baked beans at the supermarket the card can log it. After so many cans, he will qualify for one free. Cards can also carry emergency information, accessible to ambulance drivers and casualty wards. Barclays' board will decide where to go with the smart card in the next few

There are already cards available with 64 kilobit memories, while scientists are now working on a new generation several times more powerful. Nestling in Mr Townend's wallet is a super-smart card, a further leap in technology looking for a home.

Once again, it is little heavier than a credit card. But this time, on the back, it has a keypad and a screen. Not only can it be loaded with money, but the screen will currencies and then remind its owner which timezone he is are in. The user punches in a personal code on the card before he has access to the cash.

The card is already on test in Japan, where, inevitably, it was developed. The future may have only just begun for Northampton's squash players.



Workout: Neil Bennett's efforts are monitored on computer



Chips with everything: students at Dulwich College are already using smart cards with magnetic strips to pay for meals

Pupils get smart over school dinners

BILLY Bunter might have been a slimline pupil if Greyfriars School had introduced the "semi-smart" card. His parents would have instructed his headmaster to program Billy's card so that the tuckshop was out of bounds.

This is what is happening at Alleyns School in south London, the co-educational sister school to Dulwich College. Three years ago its canteen and buttery. Semismart cards that do not contain a microchip but have memories imprinted on magnetic stripes were issued to all 930 pupils.

Parents who did not want their children to have access to sweets and crisps from the buttery told the school to restrict the use of their cards accordingly.

Alleyns has also abolished the stigma of free school meals by use of the smart-card. As an independent school, it teaches many children from poor backgrounds who benefit from the assisted places scheme. Their cards are indistinguishable from those of their better heeled classmates.

"Even the cashiers do not know who is getting free school meals."

says Mike Morley, the bursar. This week, Dulwich College followed the example of its sister school and introduced magnetic stripe cards in its two restaurants. It will use them to monitor the eating choices of pupils in the

hope of introducing a better diet. The advantages of smart cards have been seen by dozens of schools and universities who want cash-free catering and the ability to discriminate between various student and staff groupings. Multinational companies such as Esso college at Cambridge University to introduce semi-smart cards and Unilever, and hospitals, leisure centres and golf clubs have three years ago. It has prevented also been quick to take an interest. some students from drinking to excess by limiting their spending

residents.

The majority want the cards for vending machines, canteen facilities, bars and entry systems," says. Charles Trace, marketing dev-elopment manager of GiroVend, one of the largest suppliers of semi-smart cards in Britain.

more services. Photocopying is now paid for by magnetic stripe cards in many institutions." Subsidies can be built in

discreetly. One university college gives discounted meals to fellows. masters and tutors. No-one knows from the appearance of the card or the display on the till how much subsidy is involved. Gardeners are given a free breakfast if they eat before 8.30 in the morning — the time limit is programmed into the

Corpus Christi was the first

power in the college bar. In the canteen, the same cards also distinguish between students who live outside and those who are

The other big advantage is the ege in Cambridge paid high insurance premiums when its canteen was operated on a cashonly basis.

We introduced cards a year ago." said David Livesey, the bursar. "Our insurance premiums were greatly reduced and we had to pay out less for security and cashiers' wages.

Mr Trace estimates that semismart cards pay for themselves over a period of five years. 'Handling coins and notes wastes valuable time, especially in cashing up. There is far less theft and vandalism too." True smart-cards - those with a

built-in microchip - are relatively rare in Britain, mostly because of the relatively high costs involved. The biggest user is Sky, the satellite television company. Prepaid smart-cards are inserted into a decoder to receive its movie channel. New cards are issued prevent piracy.

Milton Keynes, in Buckinghamshire, has largely replaced bus tickets with 20,000 smart-cards. allowing prices to be adjusted with inflation and subsidies to be given to special groups such as pensioners and schoolchildren.

In Exeter, medical records have been incorporated into patients' cards to liaise between general practitioners, pharmacists and hospitals. Keyline, a scheme to use smart cards in home shopping and banking, is expected next spring.

Electronic memory unlocks door to care-free holidays

"JUST one ice cream? That will do nicely, sir," is not the response one would expect when offering certain credit or charge cards at a beach stall in some far-flung holiday resort. But for vendors at ten Club Méditerranée villages, plastic is better than cash (writes Tony Wilkinson).

For two years, Club Med has been using smart cards at the most modern of its 112 resorts. The personalised credit cards replace cash for every transaction during a visitor's stay.

Worries about foreign currency have been simply abolished. On arrival, holidaymakers are

asked to hand over a credit card or charge card so that an imprint can be taken. This is the club's guarantee of payment. Guests are then issued with credit card-sized pieces of plastic.

Each has a small hole cut into the corner that allows the card to be hung around the neck with string. The card incorporates a microelectronic chip with the same

processing power as a small home Each costs the company about £4. A four-digit personal identilication number is chosen by the

holidaymaker and secretly encoded on the card. From then on, every transaction he or she makes, from drinks at the bar to an expensive outfit from the boutiques, is logged on the card.

The cards have largely replaced the famous Club Med beads as a substitute for holiday money at the 10 villages where they have been introduced. People still want the beads for

their children," said a spokeswoman. Some parents do not tike the idea of a child wandering round with unlimited spending power. There are some adults too, who buy beads as a substitute for cash. They feel they can keep better track of how much they are

spending." Receipts are given for goods or services paid for by smart card so that holidaymakers can keep their

own running totals.

Direct dial telephone calls to anywhere in the world are made by inserting the card into the base of the handset. The cost is logged on the village's central computer and, along with all the other purchases, charged at the end of the stay. "In effect, we extend the interest-free period of your credit day," says Club Med.
"If you do not have a credit card

we would accept a deposit of travellers' cheques or cash. If you spent more than your deposit, we would send you the bill for the balance when you arrived home."

Club Med plans to introduce powerful smart cards that will do more than just act as a personal credit facility.

They will be used as room keys. allow holidaymakers to book tennis courts or boat trips, read "what's on" information from screens and make appointments with the check-out desk so that they do not have to queue on the day of departure.

Eventually, details of a holidaymaker's bank account may be encoded to speed up the check-out formalities.

But there may be some limitations. At the Club Med holiday village in Marbella, Spain, for example, the local newspaper vendor whose stall is set up daily in the hotel foyer refuses to accept the smart-card.

"He will only take cash." said a Club Med spokeswoman.

